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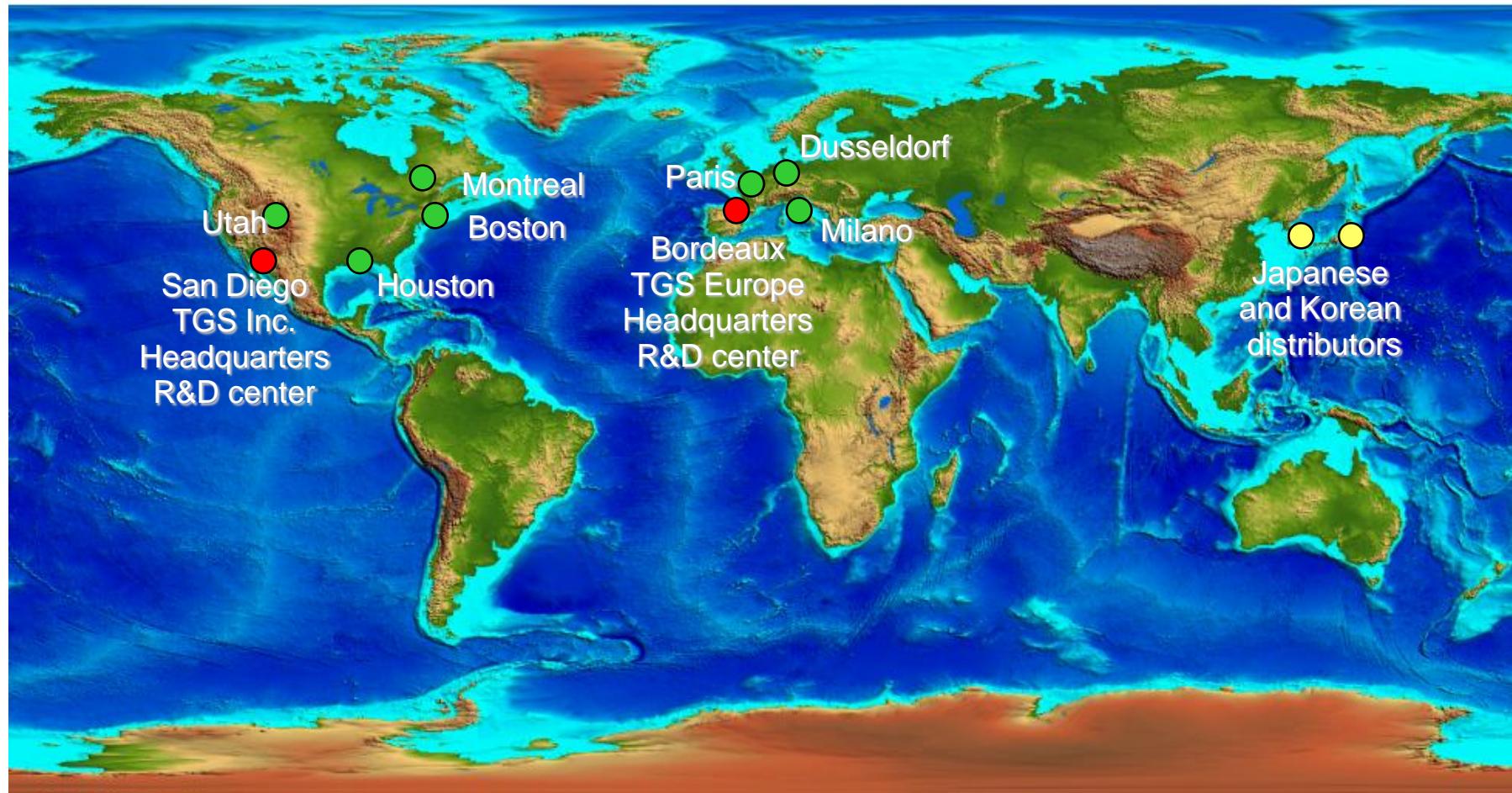
OBJECT-ORIENTED 3D GRAPHICS DEVELOPERS TOOLKIT



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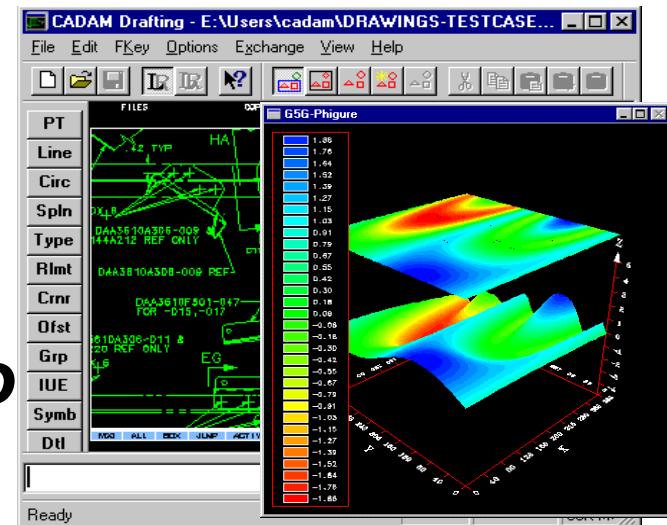
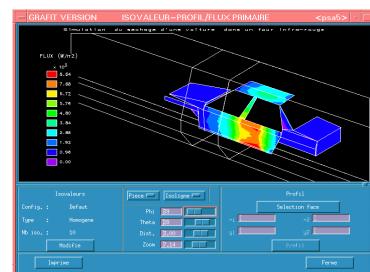
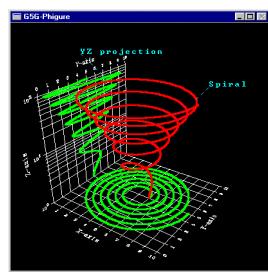
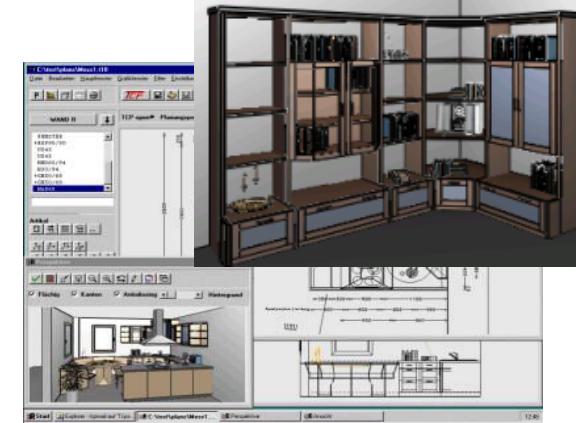
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Introducing TGS



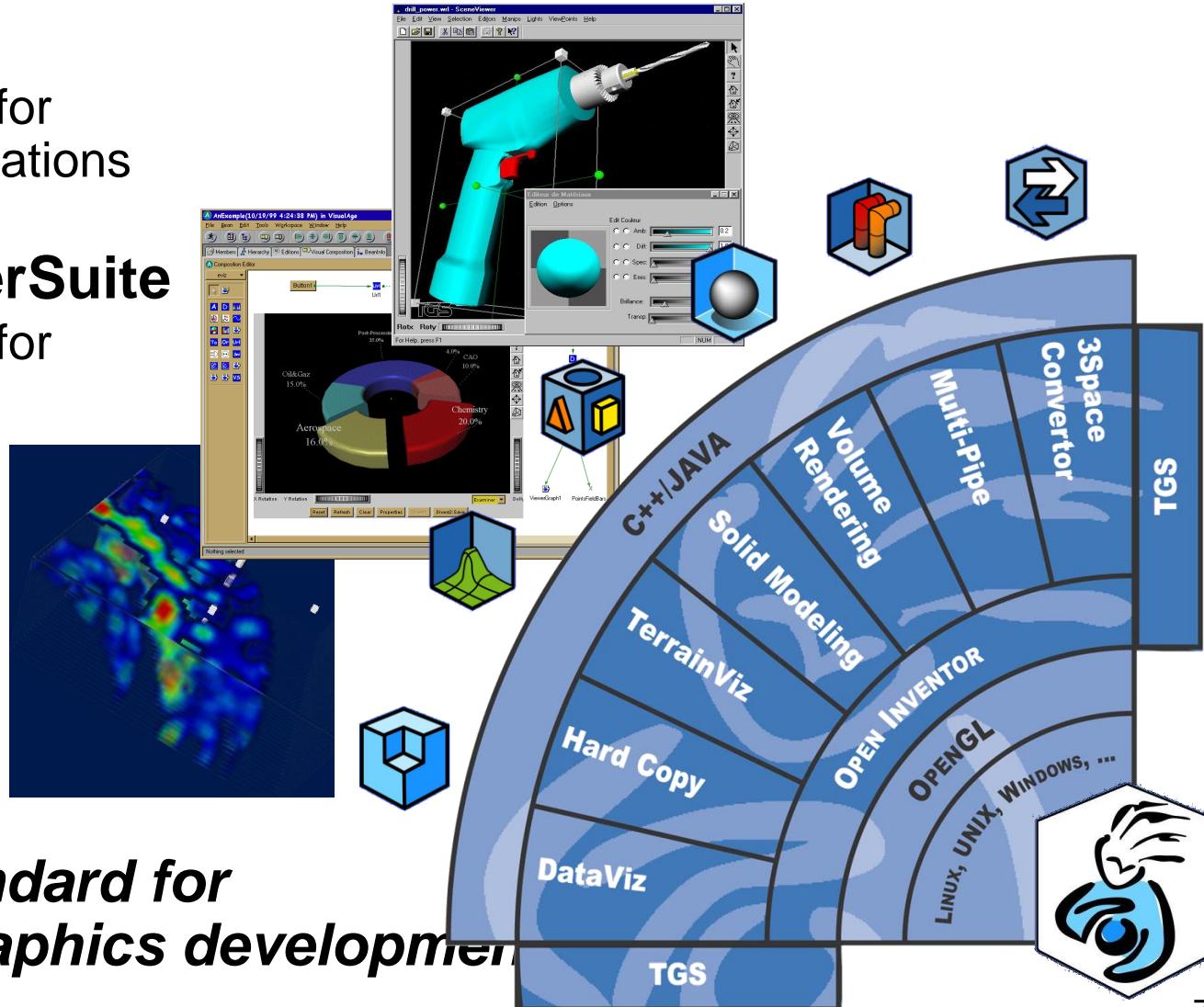
- ISO standard libraries **GKS, PHIGS**
 - Cross-platform graphics for C/FORTRAN
- **Open Inventor, DataViz (3DMasterSuite)**
 - Cross-platform graphics for C++/Java
 - Teamed with SGI to create VRML
- **Amira**
 - Interactive data visualization workbench
- 3D media authoring
 - **Amapi** intuitive modeler, **Carrara studio...**
- **Professional Services**
 - Training
 - Assistance
 - Expertise
 - Custom components
 - Custom applications
 - Partnership with contractors and software vendors

- **GPHIGS, GKSBx**
 - 2D/3D portable structured graphics
- **PHIGURE & GPHIGS_GUI**
 - Data visualisation
 - User interface components and dev tools



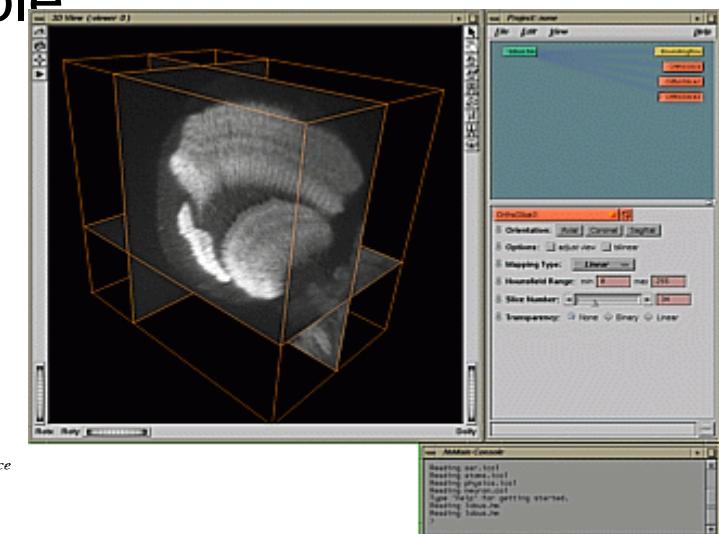
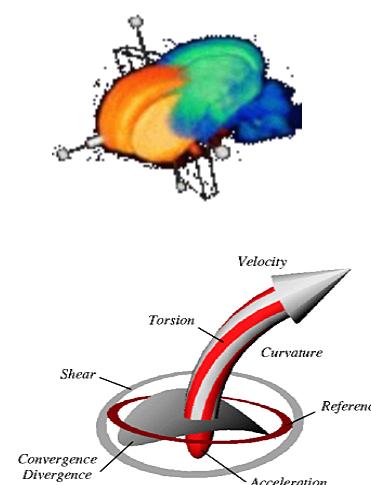
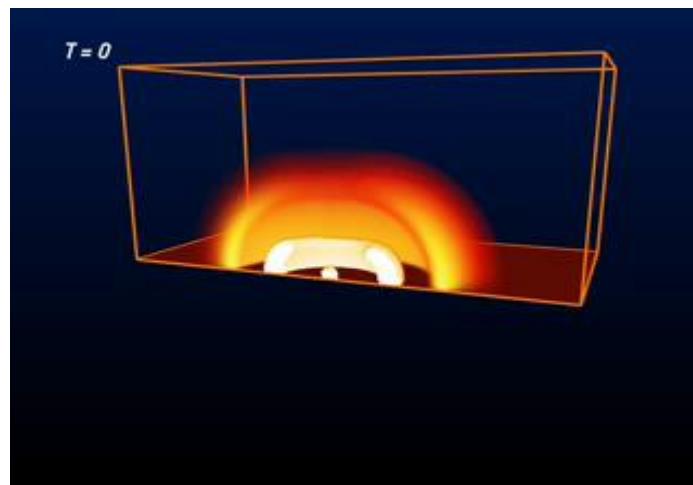
- **Norms for long lifetime application with traditional developpement**

- **Open Inventor**
 - Rapid development for 3D interactive applications
- **DataViz / 3D-MasterSuite**
 - Rapid development for data visualisation
- **Volume Rendering**
- **SolidViz**
- **TerrainViz**
- ***The reference standard for object oriented graphics development***



- **amira**

- Modular interactive visualisation workbench
- Segmentation, surface and volume reconstruction
- Direct volume rendering...
- Powered by Open Inventor, extensible



- ***State-of-the-art data visualization***

APPLICATION



Applications - components - plugins
ActiveX - applets - Java beans



API



SPI

OpenGL PostScript CGM HPGL GDI GIF JPEG PNG HTML VRML STEP IGES ...

HW

PC Windows Linux Unix Sun HP IBM SGI Digital 32/64bits...

Open Inventor: the standard

- Easy to learn and use
- High performance 3D applications
- High level standard API for OpenGL
- Large community of developers
(<news://comp.graphics.api.inventor>)
- “.iv” format integrated into CAD applications
- Includes VRML 1.0 native and VRML 2.0 nodes
- Designed by Silicon Graphics

- Robust implementation on top of OpenGL
- Unique integration with Windows environment and Windows frameworks.

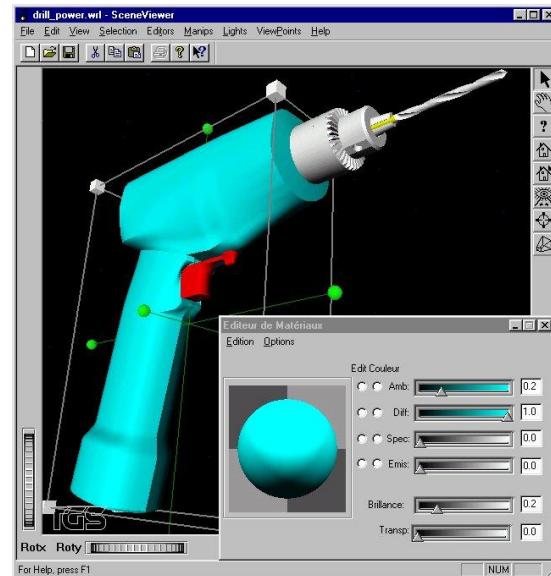
The effects and advantages of Open Inventor

- 3D “everywhere”
 - Make 3D integration by developers trivial
 - Do this with a seamless path to acceleration
 - Deliver this in an “open” framework
- Desktop 3D communications (WebSpace)
- Desktop 3D documentation (3Space product line)
- C++ Class library
 - Rapid development, less code, fewer bugs, faster enhancements and maintenance
- Cross-platform API
- Standard data interchange format
 - For interoperability between applications
- Extensible framework
 - For customization and non-graphics integration

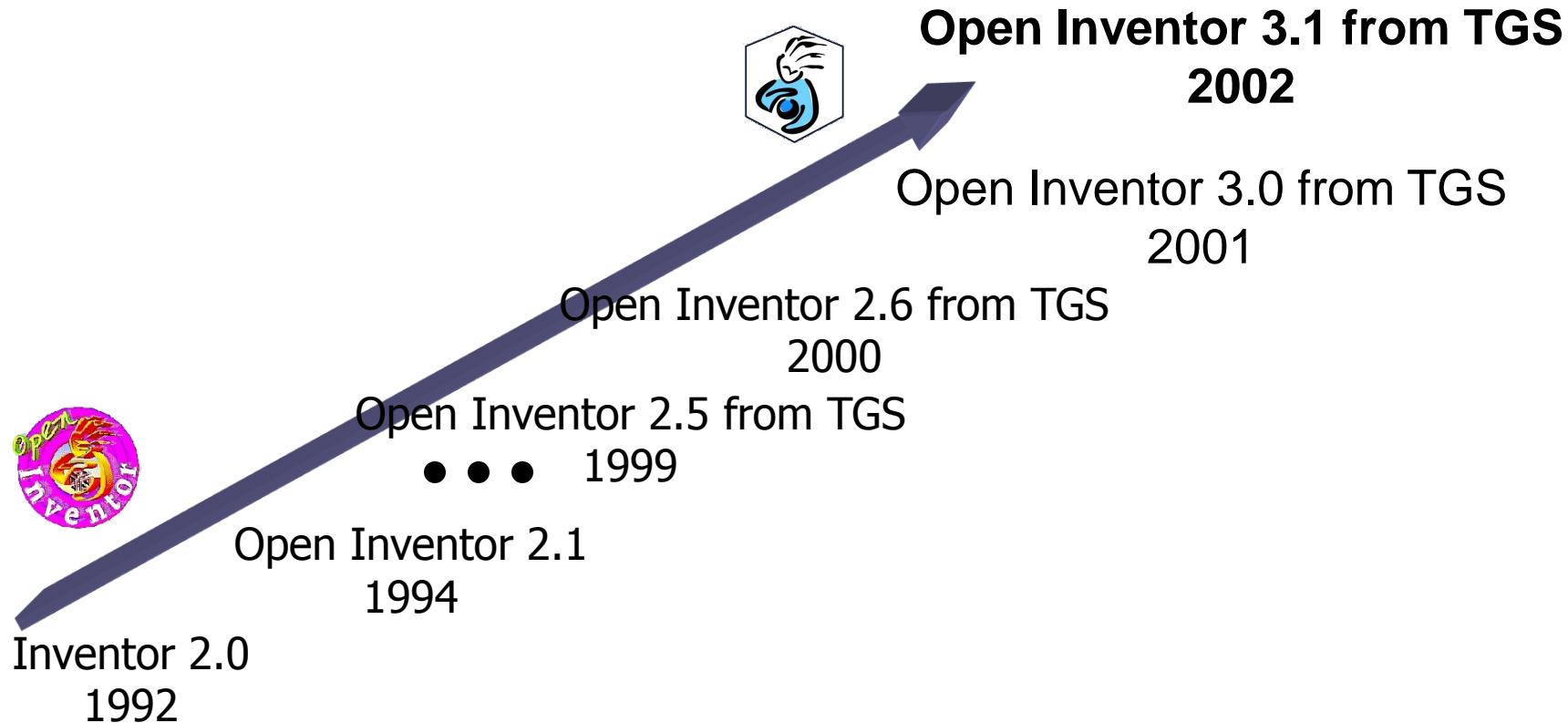
Open Inventor : 3D programming for humans

- Designed for ease of use
 - Flexible API for fast development
 - Dramatically simplifies OpenGL development
- Interaction, animation
 - Selection, ray picking
 - Draggers, manipulators
- Interface components
 - Viewers: fly, walk, examiner, plane
 - Editors : color, material, lighting
 - SceneViewer

• ***The open framework for rapid development with more than 450 classes***

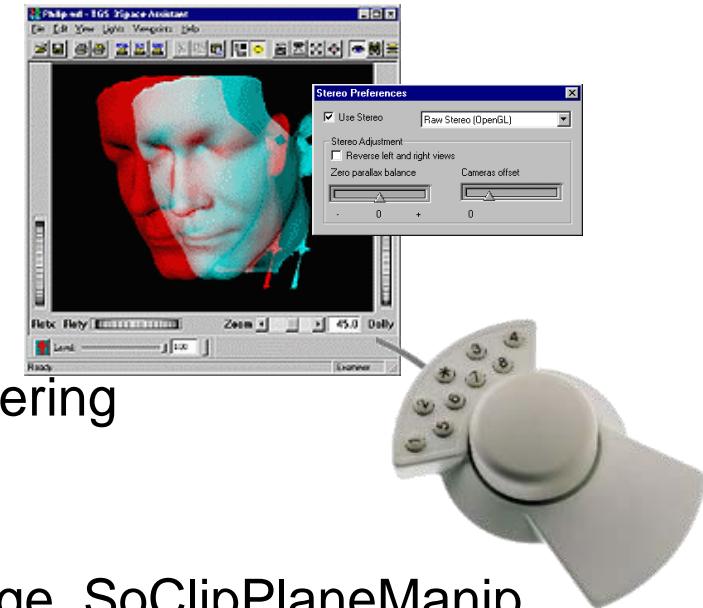


Open Inventor background

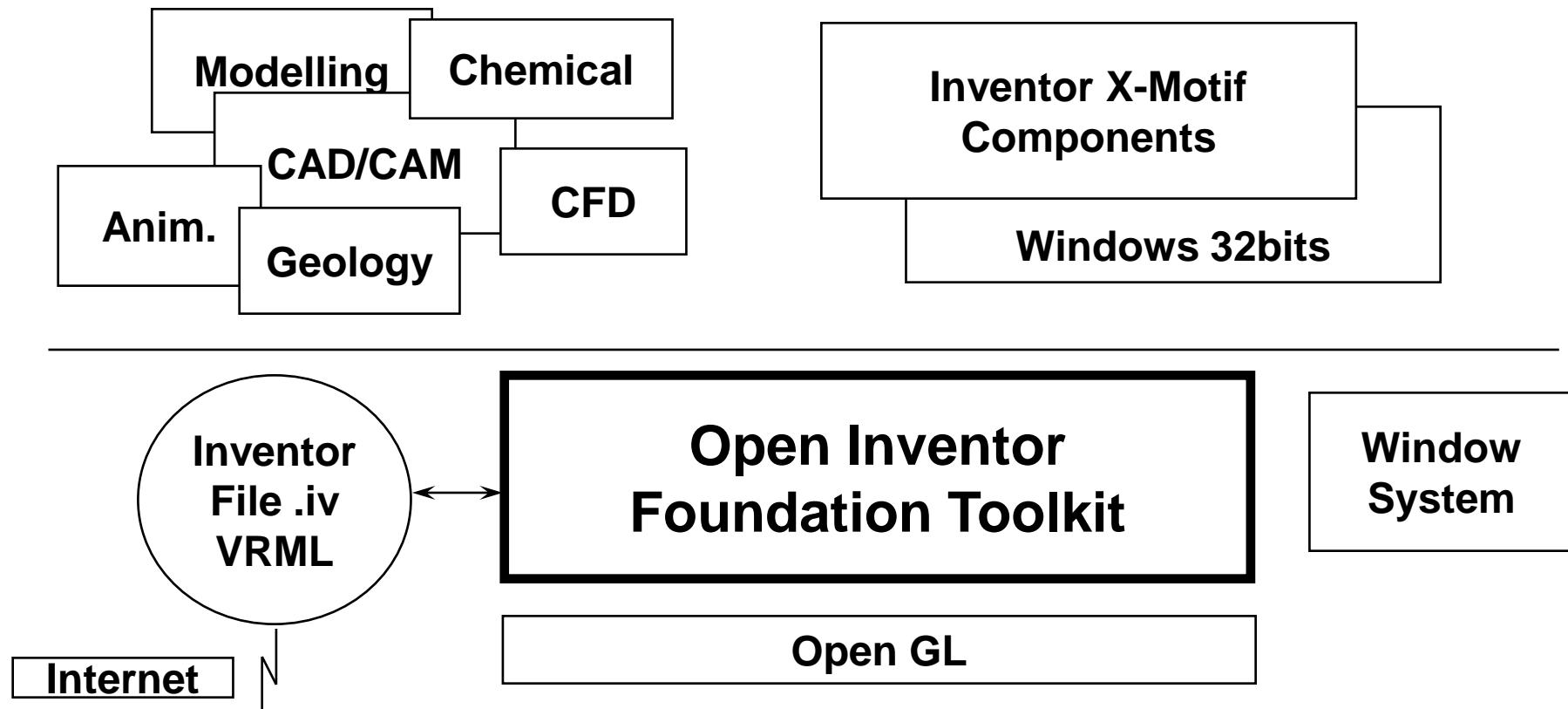


Open Inventor from 2.1 to 3.1

- VRML2/VRML 97 extensions
- SoWin & IFV user interface components for Windows
- Large Model Viewing : level of simplification, spatial optimisation, adaptive viewing, texture loading, pass by reference...
- Collision detection
- Re-written fast and robust NURBS engine
- Extended selection : box & lasso
- Extended input/output formats :
PNG, BMP, JPEG, TIFF, HTML, VRML, ZAP...
- Enhanced stereo, multi-pipe support, remote rendering
- Double precision math classes
- 3D textures, polygon offset, vertex array
- Enhanced text, stroke fonts, SoMarkerSet, SolImage, SoClipPlaneManip, patterns...
- Multi-threading support, remote rendering...
- New extensions



Open Inventor Architecture : an extensible framework



Open Inventor for Java overview

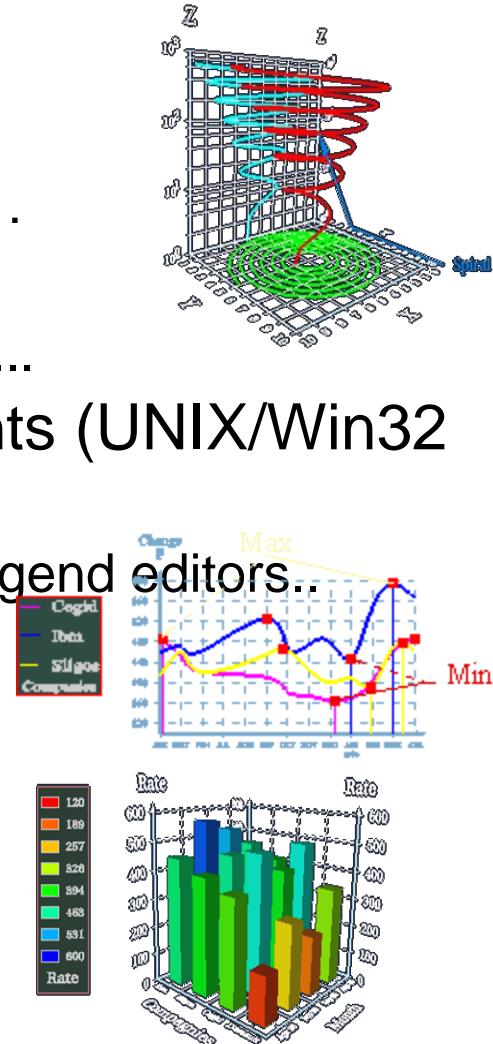
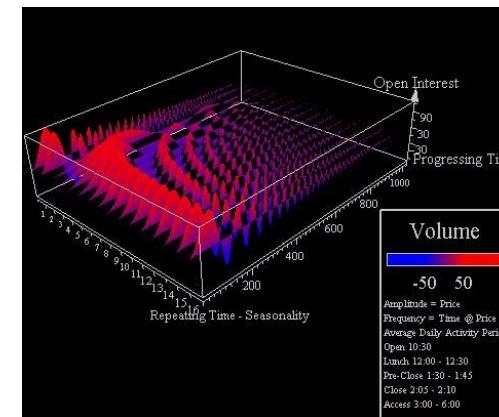
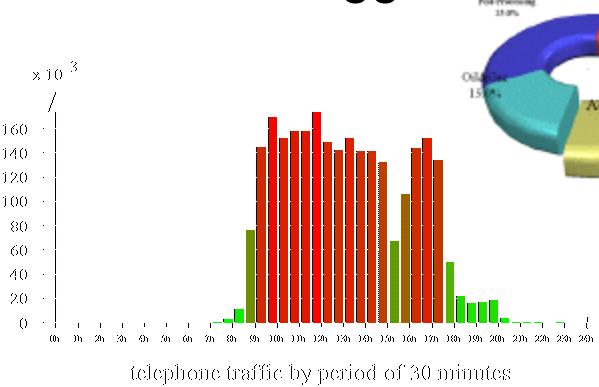
- Open Inventor for Java^(TM) (formerly 3D-MasterSuite for Java) provides an interface to the popular object oriented toolkits Open Inventor and extensions from TGS.
- Open Inventor for Java allows you to use the very powerful 3D Open Inventor features across the different supported platforms with Java applets and html browsers.
- Open Inventor for Java uses the native method of Open Inventor C++ to access the hardware resources. Thus Open Inventor for Java is able to access 3D performances of the underlying hardware through Java.

Open Inventor for Java is provided as a set of JavaTM packages :
com.tgs.inventor.* , com.tgs.dataviz.*

Open Inventor for Java contains two main parts

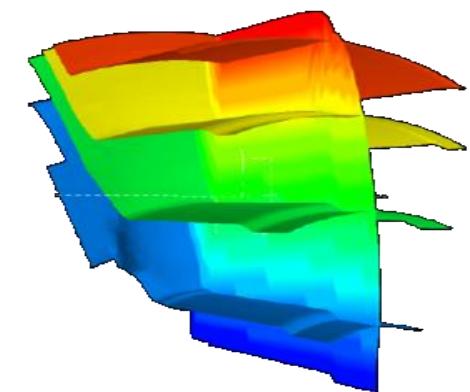
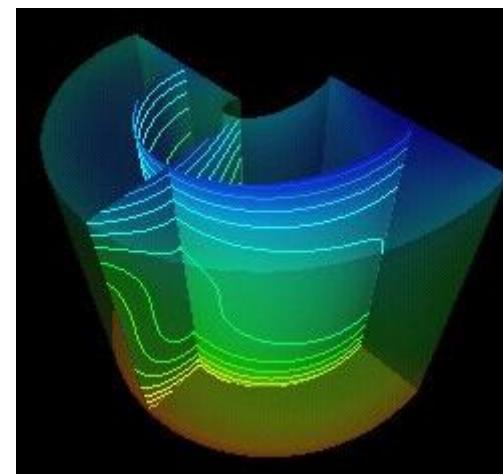
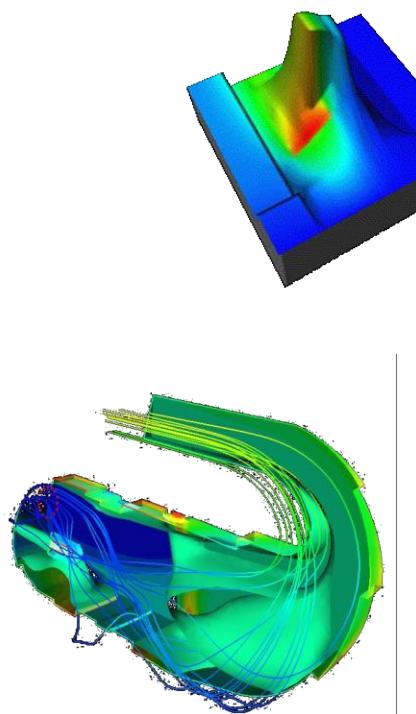
- The JavaTM version of the *core API* is very similar to the standard C++ API.
- The *component* library, known as Inventor Xt or SoXt, has been completely replaced by a pure AWT interface. This package uses some of the most powerful JavaTM concepts to provide users with a very simple to use and efficient way to build complex applications using 3D graphics in JavaTM. From the basic Drawing Area to the high level Viewers, *com.tgs.inventor.awt* contains all the necessary tools to facilitate application developments.

- **GraphMaster**
 - 2D/3D curves, histograms, pie charts, statistic charts...
 - Comprehensive legends & axis : linear, log, time, polar...
- **HardCopy**
 - Vector rendering for PostScript, CGM, HPGL, GDI/EMF...
- **DialogMaster** : portable user interface components (UNIX/Win32 C++)
 - sliders, triggers, choices, editable texts, labels, axis & legend editors..



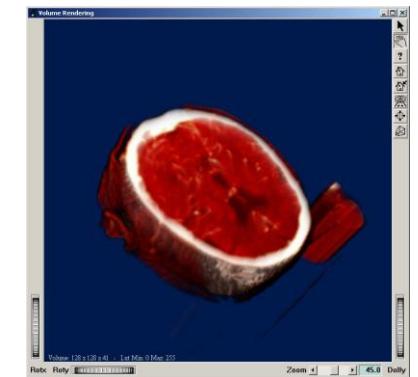
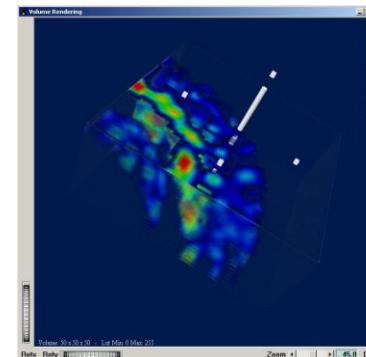
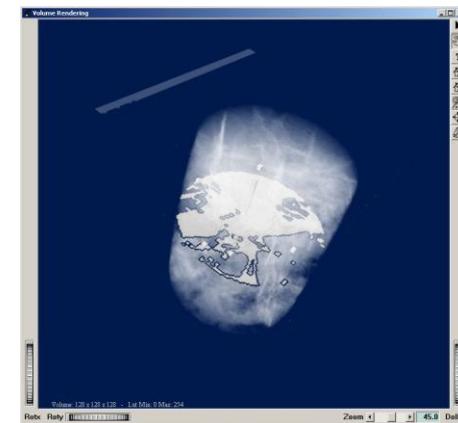
- **3DDataMaster**

2D/3D meshes, annotated contouring, legends, cross-sections, isosurfaces, vector fields, streamlines, particle advection, probes...



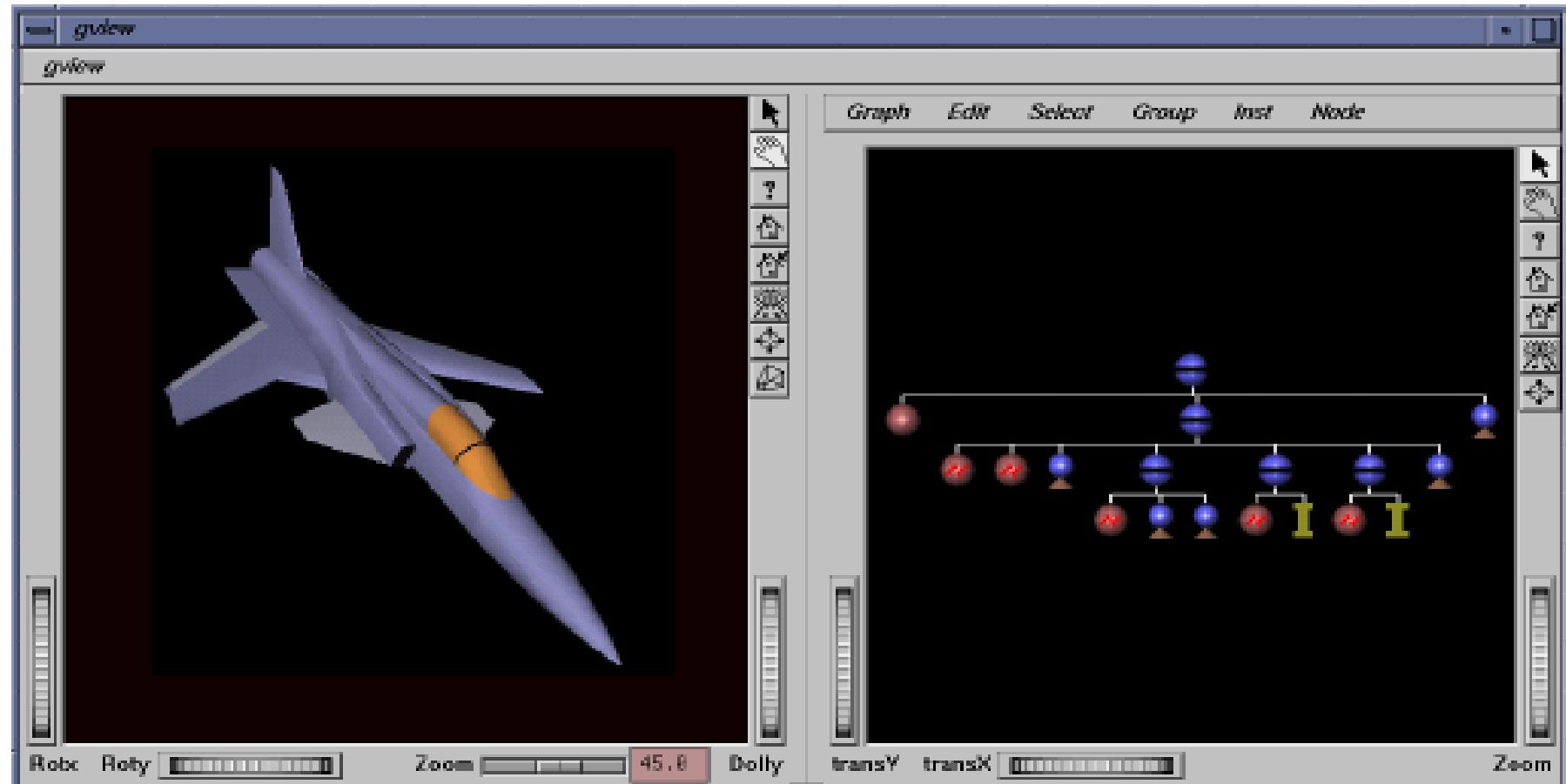
Volume Rendering for Open Inventor

- Full featured volume rendering option
 - Ortho slice, Oblique slice, Clipping
 - Voxel rendering, geometry mixable
 - Hardware acceleration support
 - 2D, 3D textures and VolumePro
 - Max intensity, sum intensity, alpha blending
 - Transfer function
 - Histogram, pre-defined color ramps
 - Real-time change with palettes texture
 - Byte and short data
 - Subsetting, Resampling, ROI
 - Data lighting
 - Cross platform
 - C++



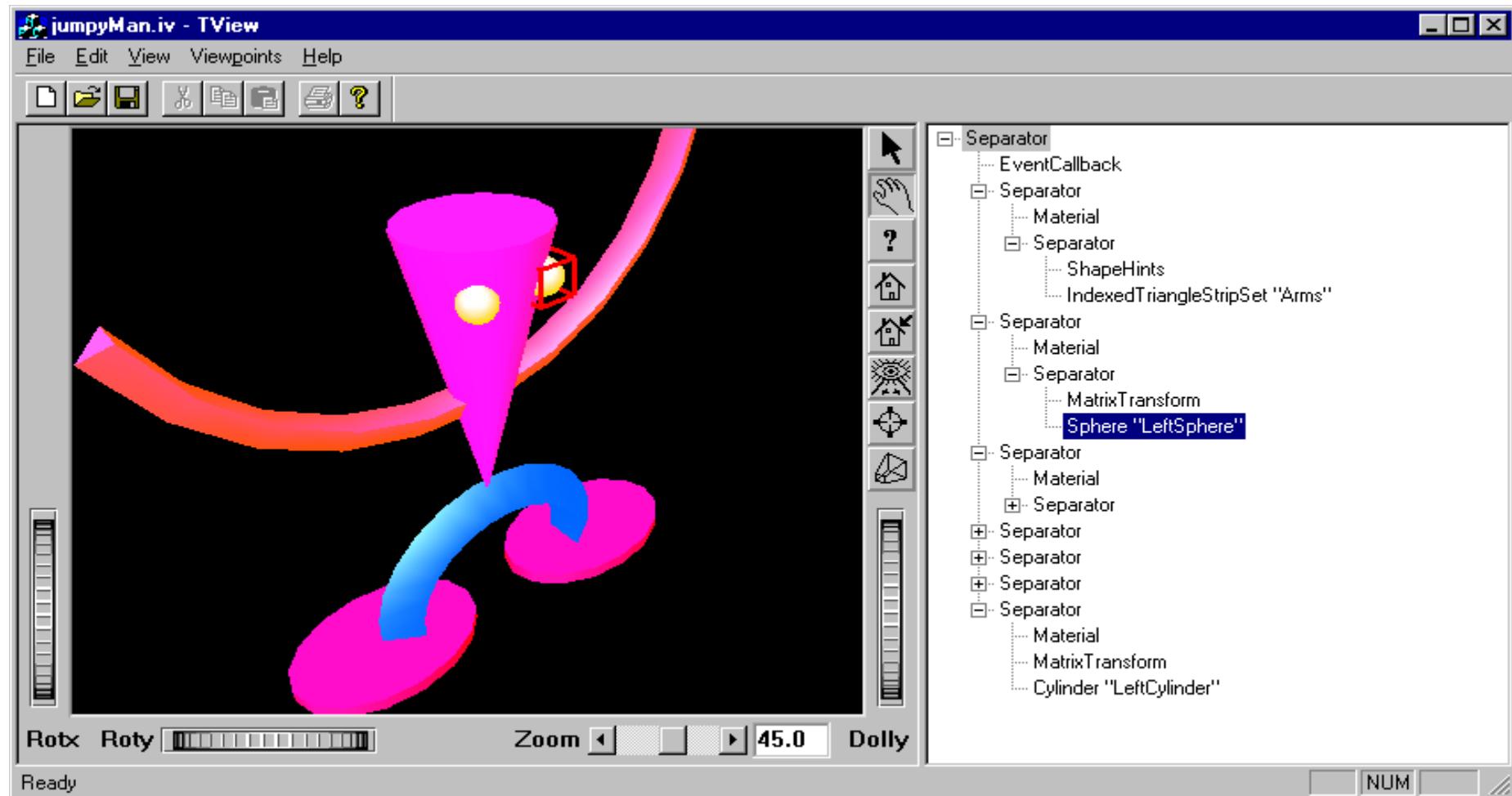
- Input data formats
 - IGES 5.1
 - VDA-FS (automotive profile)
 - STL Ascii (prototyping)
 - DXF R14
 - STEP AP 214 CC1
- Solution to convert and visualize 3D CAD/CAM models
 - User interface for Windows
 - Batch command
 - Command line integration
- Robust NURBS support for CAD

Open Inventor scene graph Gview



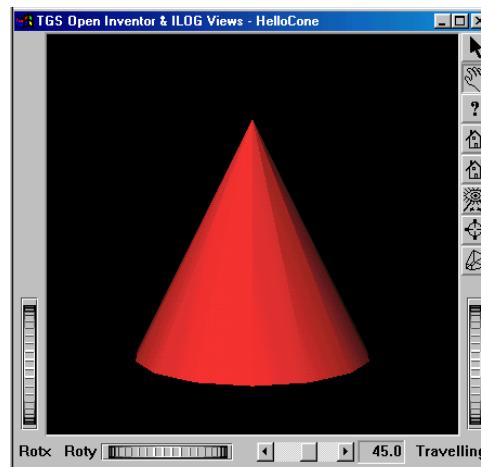
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Open Inventor scene graph TreeView



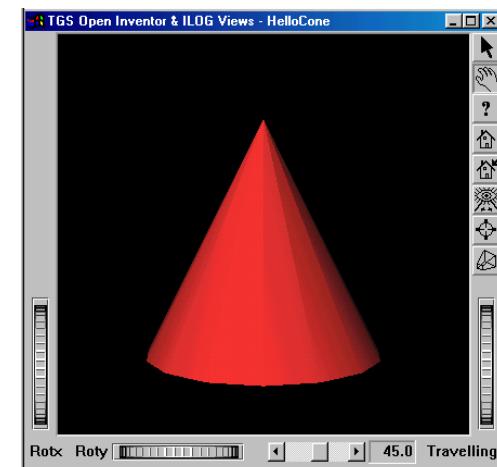
Open Inventor simple example HelloCone.cpp

```
main() {  
    // Initialise Open Inventor and Create a viewer  
    Widget topLevelWindow = SoXt::init();  
    SoXtExaminerViewer *examinerViewer =  
        new SoXtExaminerViewer(topLevelWindow);  
  
    // Create a simple cone  
    SoCone* cone = new SoCone();  
  
    // Put our scene in the viewer  
    examinerViewer->setSceneGraph(cone);  
  
    // Make viewer visible  
    examinerViewer->show();  
  
    // Start event loop  
    SoXt::mainLoop();  
}
```



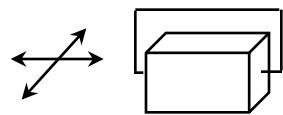
Open Inventor simple example HelloCone.java

```
public static void main(String argv[]) {  
    // Create a viewer  
    SwSimpleViewer viewer = new SwSimpleViewer();  
  
    // Create a simple cone  
    SoCone cone = new SoCone();  
  
    // Put our scene in the viewer and set it visible  
    viewer.setSceneGraph(cone);  
  
    Panel panel = new Panel(new BorderLayout());  
    panel.add(viewer);  
  
    Frame f = new Frame("HelloCone");  
    f.add(panel);  
    f.pack();  
    f.show();  
}
```

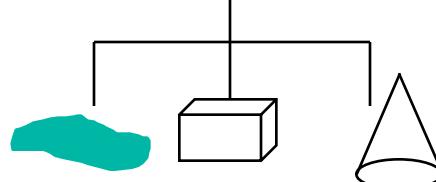


Open Inventor classes

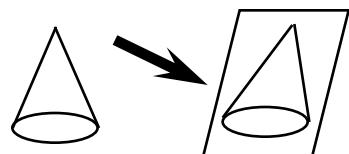
~ 20 *Draggers*
~ 10 *Manipulators*



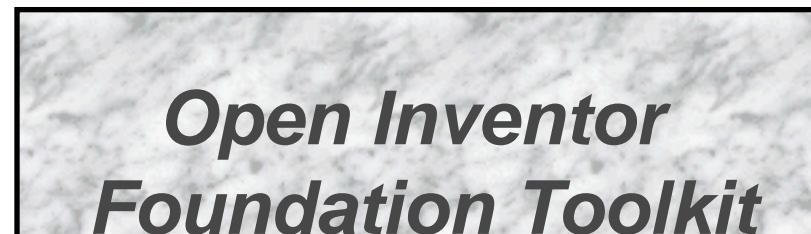
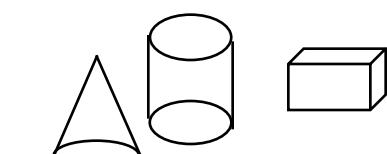
~ 8 *NodeKits*



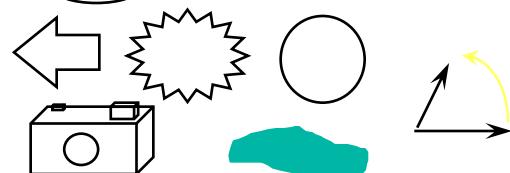
~ 10 *Actions*



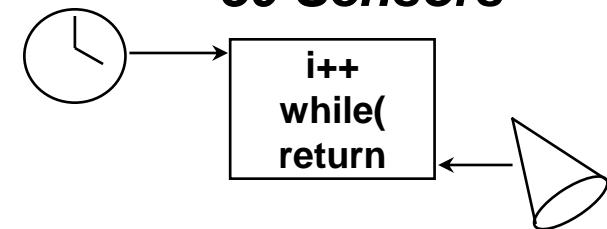
~ 100 *Nodes*



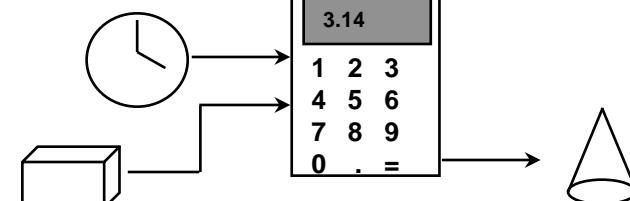
Basics



~ 30 *Sensors*



~ 15 *Engines*



~ 5 *Viewers & editors*



Some Open Inventor nodes (1/2)

- **Shape nodes**
 - Cone, Cube, Cylinder, Sphere, Text2, Text3, NurbsSurface, NurbsCurve, FaceSet, LineSet, PointSet, QuadMesh, TriangleStripSet and more...
- **Property nodes**
 - Material, Texture2, DrawStyle, Font, LightModel, Coordinate3, Complexity, Normal, Environment, PickStyle, Transform, Translation...
- **Groups**
 - Annotation, Array, File, Group, LOD, Selection, Separator, Switch, TransformSeparator, WWWAnchor, WWWInline
- **Lights**
 - Directional, Point, Spot
- **Cameras**
 - Perspective and Orthographic

- **Events**
 - EventCallback nodes
- **Node kits**
 - AppearanceKit, CameraKit, LightKit, Draggers, SceneKit, SeparatorKit, ShapeKit, WrapperKit
- **Engines**
 - Rotor, Pendulum, Calculator... : can be embedded in iv files !
- **Manipulators**
 - Centerball, Trackball, HandleBox, Jack, DirectionalLight, PointLight and SpotLight manipulators
- **Sensors ... are not nodes**
 - Alarm, Idle, OneShot, Timer, Field, Node, Path : use callback function as action

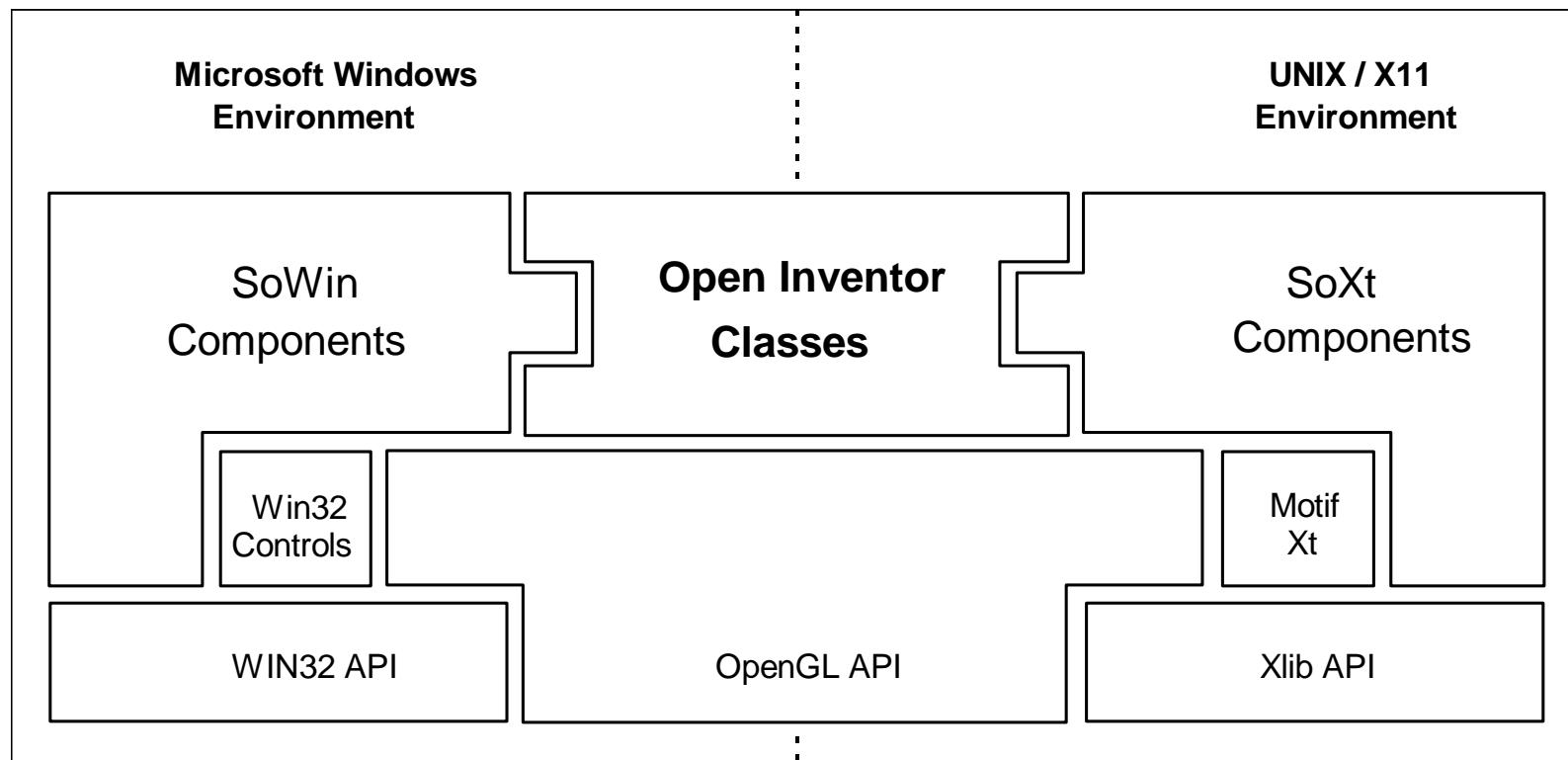
The Component Library (1/2)

- The Component Library includes :
 - Render area object (window)
 - Main loop and initialization convenience routines
 - Event translator utility
 - Editors (material, color, lights...)
 - Viewers (examiner, fly, walk, ...)
- The Open Inventor Component Library gives you access to an easy way to integrate your application in your windowing environment and also an easy and efficient way to deal with basic manipulation of your scene and your model.
- A good implementation must reflect the standard look and feel of application running on the platform, so the user does not have to adapt to a different style of interactivity.

The Component Library (2/2)

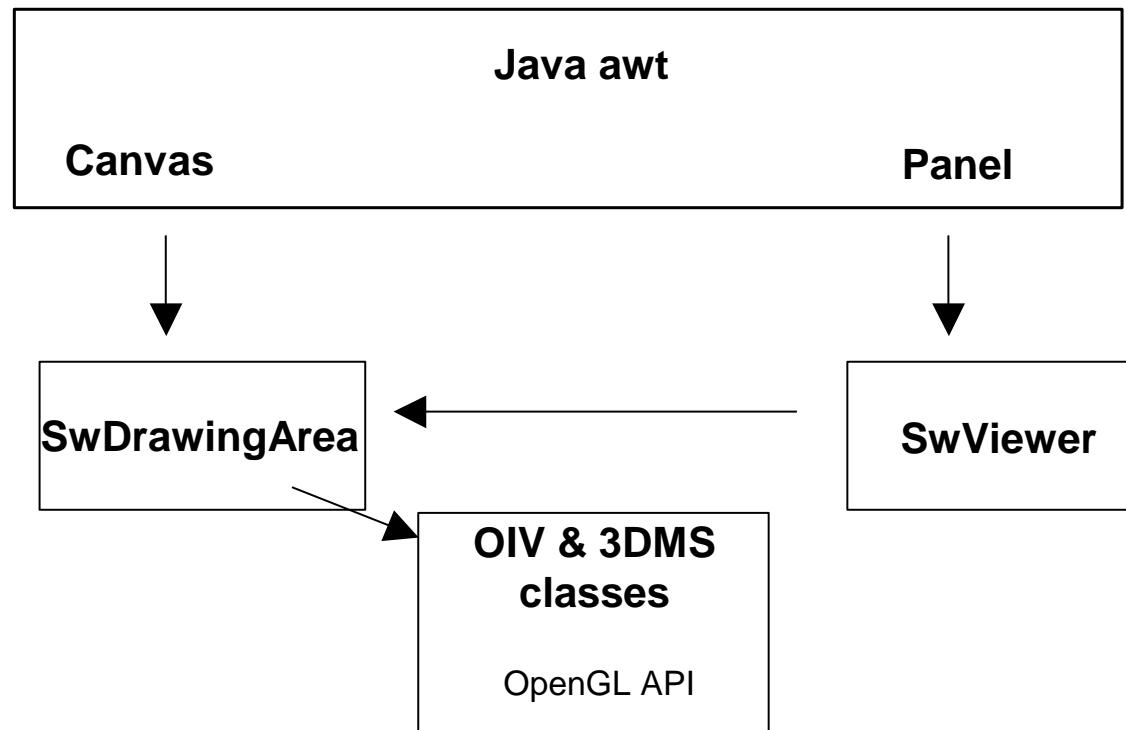
- On Unix platforms, libSoXt is based on libXt and gives a Motif look and feel.
- Using libSoXt will give your application the same look and feel on all Motif-based platforms.
- Open Inventor translates XEvents to system-independent SoEvents.
- On Windows 95 and NT platforms Open Inventor provides:
 - SoXt clone: This Component Library allows you to develop portable cross-platform applications between Unix and Windows.
 - Same programming interface
 - Windows look and feel
 - SoWin: The same functionality as SoXt but for specific Windows development. Do not use it if your application has to be ported to a platform other than Windows.

SoXt/SoWin Components Architecture

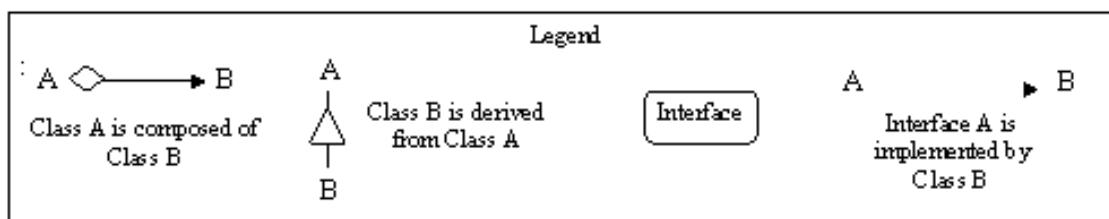
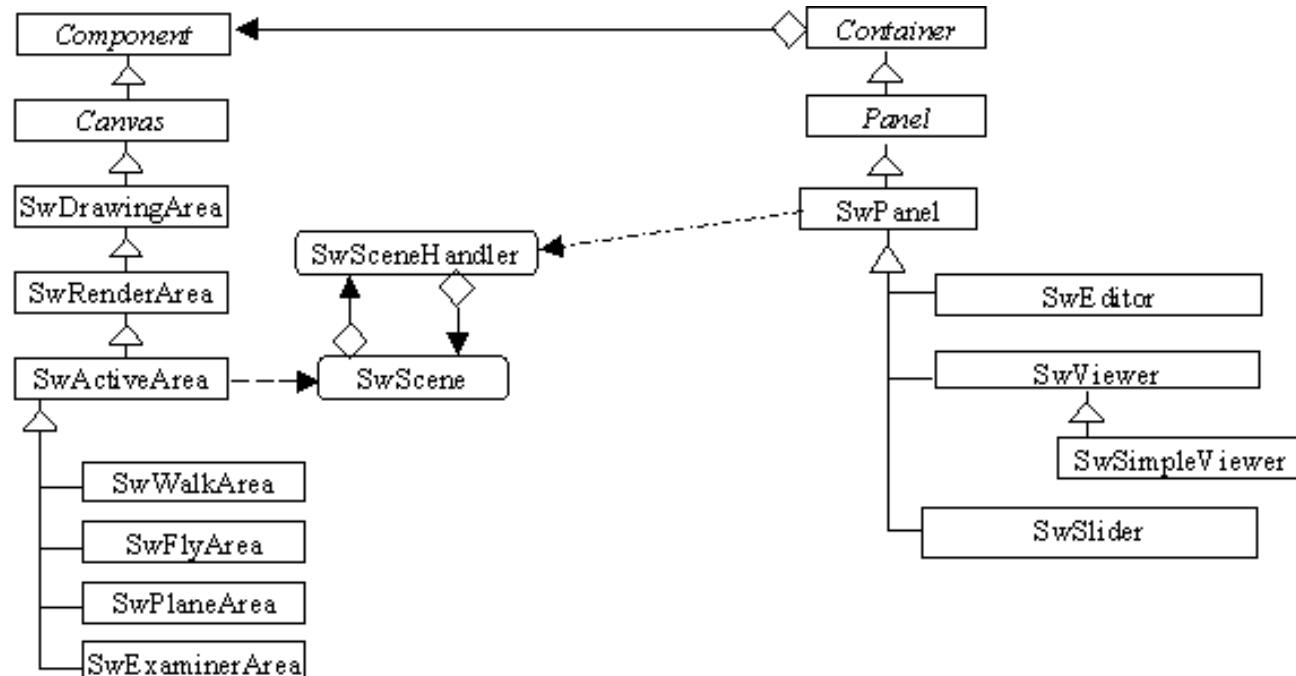


- Open Inventor for Java contains a package `com.tgs.inventor.awt` similar to C++ Open Inventor component library (SoXt/SoWin) to use the JavaTM to handle user and window system actions.
- The main features are the following :
 - A Render Area (`SwRenderArea`) . This is the basic graphic window. It accepts events, translates them into an Inventor event and then passes it to smart objects such as manipulators that may handle the event. It performs OpenGL rendering.
 - Viewers (Example: `SwSimpleViewer`). This kind of object is a complete application with a lot of features like moving the object with the mouse, thumb wheels and slider trim at the sides, pop-up menu controlling display options, viewer icons.
 - Editors. This type of component provide some 3D related editing function, for example `SwDirectionalLightEditor` is used to edit a `SoDirectionalLight` node.

Sw Components Architecture

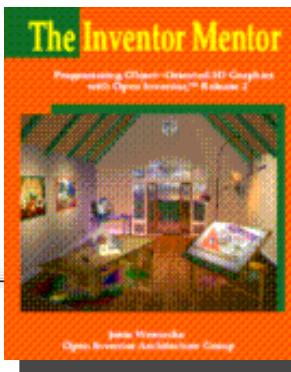


Sw Open Inventor for Java AWT class tree



- Open Inventor DialogMaster
 - instant portability between Window and Unix
- Open Inventor with Motif
 - To Windows :
Hummingbird Exceed (Exceed 3D extension available)
Datafocus Nutcracker
Softway's OpenNT-Interix
- Open Inventor with Windows MCF/IVF
 - To UNIX : Wind/U
- Open Inventor with Qt, Tcl/Tk, etc...
 - See example package in src/examples/techniques/Qt/
- Open Inventor for Java with AWT/Swing

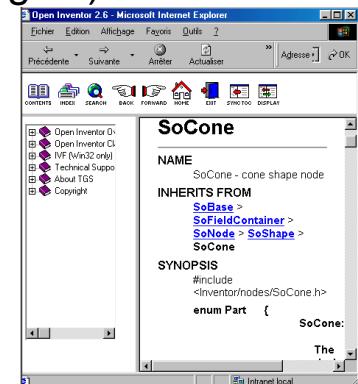
- Hints to limit porting problems when developing an Open Inventor application:
 - Use a 100% portable implementation of Open Inventor.
 - Use a 100% compliant implementation of OpenGL if the application is dealing with direct callbacks to OpenGL
 - Use a hardware platform compatible with the application needs for performance both for CPU and graphic output purposes.
 - If Open Inventor is extended with your own sub-classes, be sure to write portable code not dependent on your development platform.
 - Use the Open Inventor Component Library SoXt for window system integration if you will need to port your application to different windowing systems.



Documentation set and starting points

- Printed books :
 - The **Inventor Mentor** : Open Inventor and 3D basics (as of version 2.0)
 - The **Inventor Toolmaker** : advanced use, how to build extensions (2.0)
 - The Open Inventor from TGS **User Guide** : the mentor update for Open Inventor 3.1, including optimization guide, VRML, large model viewing, Open Inventor for Win32, extensions. DataViz chapter is the recommended starting point for charting and scientific data visualisation users.
 - The Inventor C++ Reference - the green book (as of version 2.0)

Warning : some compatibility breaks between 2.0 and 2.1, check “Open Inventor 2.1 porting guide” (in TGS User Guide)
- Online :
 - Check Open Inventor **installation and release notes**
 - Open Inventor **C++ Reference (Windows help/html pages with search engine)**
 - Open Inventor Reference**
 - Open Inventor from TGS User Guide (pdf)**
 - Open Inventor for Java** online documentation
- Internet resources : www.tgs.com
 - <news://comp.graphics.api.inventor>
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 - <http://www.cs.brown.edu/~lsh/oivnet.html>
 - <http://www.ieighty.net/~davepamn/oiv1.html>
 - <http://www-ci.u-aizu.ac.jp/OpenInventor/Workshop/>
 - <http://www.sgi.com/Technology/Inventor/VRML/TIMSummary.html>



- Most applications will have nearly the same skeleton:
 - Import Java packages or include C++ headers
 - Create database
 - Create user interface
 - Define viewing environment
 - Display database
 - Deal with Interaction (interaction loop)
 - Modify database
 - Update display

- Open Inventor basic types begin with **Sb**
 - SbVec3f... (3f stands for 3 float coordinates)
- Open Inventor other classes begin with **So**
 - SoNode...
- Open Inventor C++ user interface components begin with **SoXt** or **SoWin**
 - SoXtExaminerViewer...
- Open Inventor for Java user interface components begin with **Sw**
 - SwSimpleViewer...
- Open Inventor for classes begin with **Pb**, **Po** or **PoXt**
 - PbDomain, PoLinearAxis, PoXtAxisEditor...
- Methods and variables begin with a **lowercase** letter
- Each word within a basic type, a class, method, or variable name begins with an **uppercase** letter
 - `getNormal()`
- All enumerated type values are in **uppercase**
 - EXAMINER, PLANE, ...

A first C++ example

```
#include <Inventor/Xt/SoXt.h>
#include <Inventor/Xt/SoXtRenderArea.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoCone.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoDirectionalLight.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoMaterial.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoPerspectiveCamera.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoSeparator.h>

void main(int , char **argv)
{
    // Initialize Inventor. Returns a main window to use. If unsuccessful, exit.
    Widget myWindow = SoXt::init(argv[0]); // pass the app name
    if (myWindow == NULL) exit(1);

    // Build a scene containing a red cone
    SoSeparator *root = new SoSeparator;
    root->ref();
    SoPerspectiveCamera *myCamera = new SoPerspectiveCamera;
    SoMaterial *myMaterial = new SoMaterial;
    myMaterial->diffuseColor.setValue(1.0, 0.0, 0.0);    // Red
    root->addChild(myCamera);
    root->addChild(new SoDirectionalLight);
    root->addChild(myMaterial);
    root->addChild(new SoCone);

    // Create a renderArea within the main window in which to see our scene graph.
    SoXtRenderArea *myRenderArea = new SoXtRenderArea(myWindow);

    // Make myCamera see everything.
    myCamera->viewAll(root, myRenderArea->getViewportRegion());

    // Put our scene in myRenderArea
    myRenderArea->setSceneGraph(root);
    myRenderArea->show();

    SoXt::show(myWindow);    // Display main window
    SoXt::mainLoop();        // Main Inventor event loop
}
```

A first Java example

```
import java.awt.* ;
import java.awt.event.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.awt.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.nodes.* ;

public class HelloCone {
    public static void main(String argv[]) {
        // Make a scene containing a red cone
        SoSeparator root = new SoSeparator();
        SoMaterial myMaterial = new SoMaterial();
        myMaterial.diffuseColor.setValue(1,0,0); // Red
        root.addChild(new SoDirectionalLight());
        root.addChild(myMaterial);
        root.addChild(new SoCone());

        // Put the scene in myRenderArea
        SwSimpleViewer myRenderArea = new SwSimpleViewer();
        myRenderArea.setSceneGraph(root);
        Panel panel = new Panel(new BorderLayout());
        panel.add(myRenderArea);
        WindowListener l = new WindowAdapter() {
            public void windowClosing(WindowEvent e) {
                System.exit(0);
            }
        };
        Frame f = new Frame ("HelloCone");
        f.addWindowListener(l);
        f.add(panel);
        f.pack();
        f.show();
    }
}
```

Open Inventor scene graph

- Before displaying anything an application must create a **scene graph** which holds the representation of what will be displayed.
- A **scene graph** is a set of one or more nodes defining a **shape** (geometry), a **property**, or a **grouping** node. The scene becomes hierarchical by adding nodes as children of another node.
- The resulting graph must be directed acyclic.
- A **path** is a chain of nodes, each of which is a child of the previous node. It is a subgraph and is useful to identify part of the scene graph and is used, for example by the picking action to return information. Because of shared instances of a node, a path is required to identify a specific instance of a node in the scene graph.

Open Inventor traversal

- To display, write to a file, pick or get the bounding box of (part of) the database, an **action** is applied to it.
- Applying an action results in activation of a **traversal** process.
- Traversal processes the graph nodes from top to bottom and left to right.
- The traversal process maintains a **traversal state list** which includes the current rendering attributes:
 - Current transformation
 - Current material
 - Current coordinates...
- **Property** nodes modify the traversal state list.
- Traversing a shape node causes its shape to be rendered depending on the current traversal state list attributes
- **Group** nodes can save/restore traversal state elements

- `#include <Inventor/SoDB.h>`
- First methods to know:
 - `static void init()`
 - Must be called before any other calls that modify the database (called by `SoXt::init()`).
 - `static SoSeparator *readAll(SoInput *in)`
 - To read back all graphs from a file.
- Some useful methods of `SoInput` class:
 - `SbBool openFile(const char *fileName, SbBool okIfNotFound = FALSE)`
 - Opens the named file and sets the file pointer to result. `FALSE` is returned on error, and if `okIfNotFound` is `FALSE` (default), an error message is output.
 - `void setBuffer (void *bufPointer, size_t bufSize)`
 - Allows to read an in-memory buffer or character string.

- `import com.tgs.inventor.SoDB;`
- First methods to know:
 - `static SoNode readNode(SoInput in)`
 - To read back a scene graph from a file and return a node.
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 - `boolean openFile(String, boolean okIfNotFound)`
 - Opens the named file and sets the file pointer to result. `false` is returned on error, and if `okIfNotFound` is `false`, an error message is output.
 - `void setBuffer (byte[] buffer, int size)`
 - Allows to read an in-memory buffer.

- SoXt: Xt compatibility class
- Some useful methods:
 - static Widget **init**(const char *appName)
 - This call initializes Inventor (SoDB::init()) and Xt.
 - static void **mainLoop**()
 - To get and dispatch the next event from the event queue.
 - static void **show**(Widget widget)
 - To show (realize + map) the widget.
- An Inventor application may begin using **SoXt::init(...)** to initialize the Inventor database, Inventor events, and the X Toolkit.

- After initializing the toolkit (SoXt::init(...)) an Inventor application must create a window in which to render the scene graph. Using the libSoXt component library, this window can be one of the following:
 - **SoXtRenderArea**: The basic window
 - **SoXtExaminerViewer**: A viewer that uses a virtual trackball to see the data
 - **SoXtWalkViewer**: A viewer that moves the camera in a plane simulating a walk
 - **SoXtFlyViewer**: A viewer to fly through space
 - **SoXtPlaneViewer**: A viewer that moves the camera in a plane
- RenderArea has built-in event translator and all other viewers have misc features for user interface.

The application must create a window in which to render the scene graph. Using the package com.tgs.inventor.awt, this window can be one of the following:

- **SwActiveArea**: The basic window
- **SwExaminerArea**: A viewer that uses a virtual trackball to see the data
- **SwPlaneArea**: A viewer that moves the camera in a plane
- **SwWalkArea** : *A viewer that moves the camera in a plane simulating a walk*
- **SwFlyArea** : *A viewer to fly through space*
- **SwSimpleViewer** : An extension of panel that contains an area (examiner, plane ...) buttons and wheels to interact with the area.

How to render on the screen?

- void **setSceneGraph**(SoNode *scene) method must be called to associate the scene with any of the rendering areas or viewers.
- void **show()** method to render the scene graph. This method realizes and maps the widget.
- A basic Inventor application skeleton using libSoXt should be:

```
#include <Inventor/Xt/SoXt.h>
#include <Inventor/Xt/SoXtRenderArea.h>
...
Widget myWindow = SoXt::init(argv[0]);
SoXtRenderArea *Area=new SoXtRenderArea(myWindow);
...
Area->setSceneGraph(scene);
Area->show();
SoXt::show(myWindow);
SoXt::mainLoop();
```

How to render on the screen?

- void **setSceneGraph**(SoNode scene) method must be called to associate the scene with any of the rendering areas or viewers.
- The area or viewer must be added to a Frame or Window or Applet. void **setVisible()** method (or show) to render the scene graph.
- A basic Open Inventor for application skeleton should be:

```
import com.tgs.inventor.awt.*;  
...  
SwExaminerArea area=new SwExaminerArea();  
...  
area.setSceneGraph(scene);  
...  
Frame f = new Frame();  
f.add(area);  
f.pack();  
f.setVisible(true);
```

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- Write an application which reads back an .iv file to create the scene graph and then use a viewer to display it on the screen.

Creating and changing a node

- To create a node use the **new** operator (nodes cannot be declared on the stack!!!)
 - `SoCone *myCone = new SoCone;`
 - `SoLineSet *myLines = new SoLineSet;`
- Nodes are composed of a set of data elements: the **fields**. These fields can be changed using the methods provided by each field:
 - `myCone->bottomRadius.setValue(2.);`
 - `myCone->height.setValue(4.);`
 - `myMaterial->ambientColor.setValue(1.,0.,0.);`
- or for single-value fields :
 - `myCone->bottomRadius = 2.;`
 - `myCone->height = 4.;`

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 - `myCone.height.setValue(4.);`
 - `myMaterial.ambientColor.setValue(1,0,0);`

 - `radius = myCone.bottomRadius.getValue();`
 - `SbColor c = myMaterial.ambientColor.getValue();`

- Node-specific values are stored in **fields** and not in members. This allows Inventor to trace scene graph changes and allows **connections** between fields.
- There are two types of fields
 - Single value fields (So~~S~~FFloat, So~~S~~FLong...)
 - Use **setValue** or = operator to initialize the field
 - Use **getValue** or = operator to retrieve the field
 - Multiple value fields (So~~M~~FFloat, So~~M~~FLong...)
 - Use **setValues** to set multiple values
 - Use **set1Value** to initialize one of the values of the field
 - Use **getValues** or [] operator to retrieve the field
 - Use **deleteValues** to delete some values in the field...
 - Fast multiple field creation or editing :
 - Give first the size if known with **setNum** to avoid reallocations
 - Use **setValues** instead of loop with **set1Value()**
 - Or use **startEditing / finishEditing**

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 - Use **set1Value** to initialize one of the values of the field
 - Use **getValues** or to retrieve the field
 - Use **deleteValues** to delete some values in the field...
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 - Use **setValues** instead of loop with **set1Value()**

- Do not allocate an **array** of nodes
- Do not use **delete** operator to delete a node
- A node maintains the number of references to itself in the scene graph. If this count **goes down to 0**, then the node is automatically deleted.
- Each time a node is added as child of another node or referenced in a path its reference count is incremented.
- When you apply an action to a node which has a 0 reference count, because **action creates a path**, node reference is incremented to 1; at end of action the reference count is decremented to 0 and then the node is deleted!!!
- When a node is created, its reference count is zero, but because it's not decremented to zero, the node is not deleted (!!!)

- Use **ref()**, **unref()** or **unrefNoDelete()** methods to control node reference count. `node->ref()` when creating a node prevents it from being deleted.
- Example: A routine to create a sphere giving its radius and returning its bounding box

Buggy version

```
SoSphere *makeSphere(float radius, SbBox3f &box)
{
    SoSphere *sphere = new SoSphere;
    sphere->radius.setValue(radius);
    SoGetBoundingBoxAction *ba = new
    SoGetBoundingBoxAction;
    ba->apply(sphere);
    box = ba->getBoundingBox();

    return sphere;
}
```

Fixed version

```
SoSphere *makeSphere(float radius, SbBox3f &box)
{
    SoSphere *sphere = new SoSphere;
    sphere->radius.setValue(radius);
    sphere->ref();
    SoGetBoundingBoxAction *ba = new
    SoGetBoundingBoxAction;
    ba->apply(sphere);
    box = ba->getBoundingBox();
    sphere->unrefNodelete();

    return sphere;
}
```

- Nodes can be named using the **setName** method (inherited from SoBase class).
- Nodes can be searched for by name using the **getByName** method.
- Node names appear in .iv files. This make them more legible and parts in the file are easily identified.

```
#include <Inventor/SoDB.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoCube.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoSeparator.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoSphere.h>
void RemoveCube();

void main(int , char **)
{
    SoDB::init();

    // Create some objects and give them names:
    SoSeparator *root = new SoSeparator;
    root->ref();
    root->setName("Root");
    SoCube *myCube = new SoCube;
    root->addChild(myCube);
    myCube->setName("MyCube");
    SoSphere *mySphere = new SoSphere;
    root->addChild(mySphere);
    mySphere->setName("MySphere");
    RemoveCube();
}

void RemoveCube()
{
    SoSeparator *myRoot;
    myRoot = (SoSeparator *)SoNode::getByName("Root");
    SoCube *myCube;
    myCube = (SoCube *)SoNode::getByName("MyCube");
    myRoot->removeChild(myCube);
}
```

- Nodes can be named using the **setName** method (inherited from SoBase class).
- Nodes can be searched for by name using the **getName** method.
- Node names appear in .iv files. This make them more legible and parts in the file are easily identified.

```
import com.tgs.inventor.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.awt.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.nodes.*;

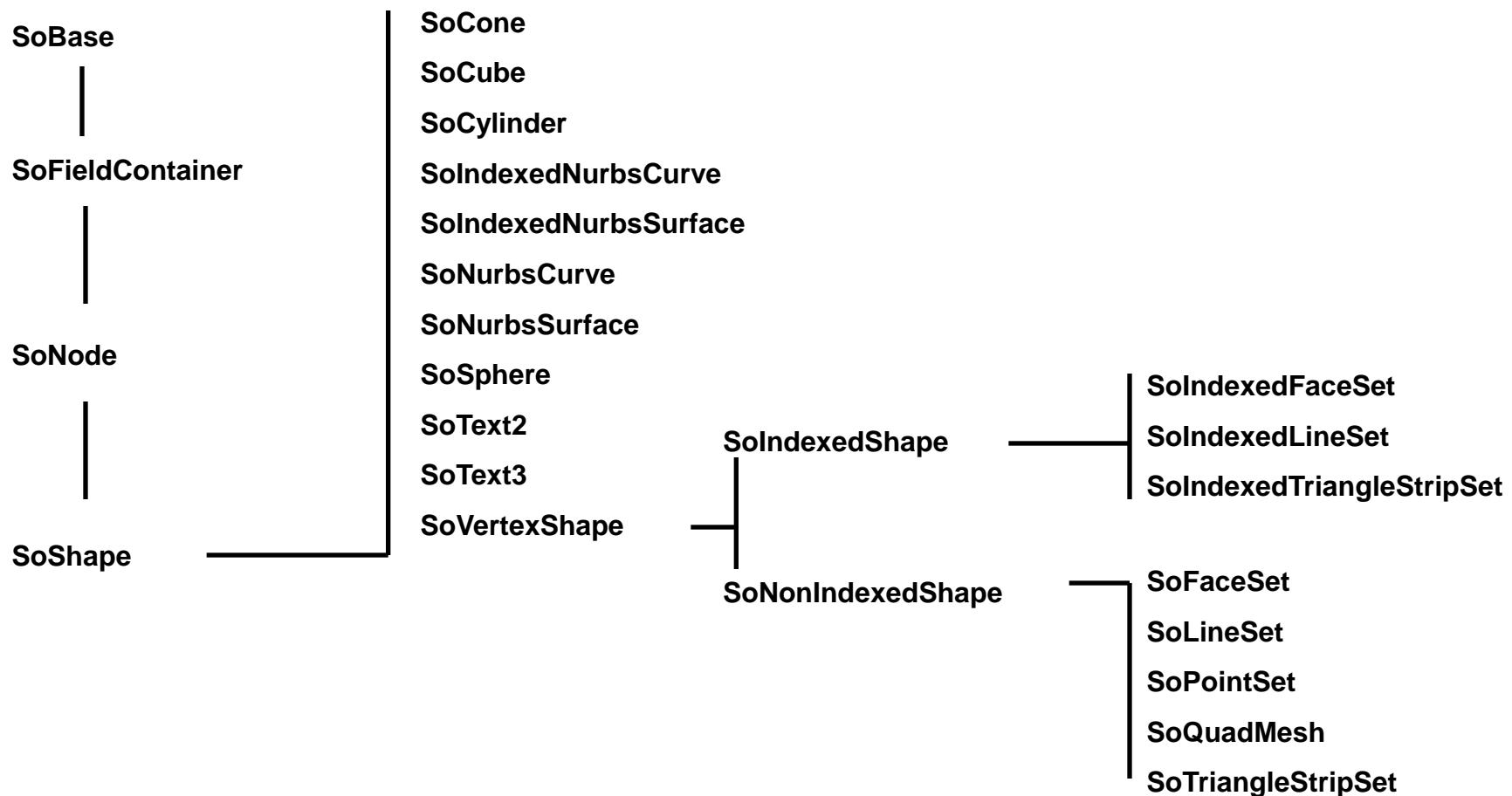
class NamingNodes {
    public static void main(String argv[]) {
        // Create some objects and give them names:
        SoSeparator root = new SoSeparator();
        root.setName("Root");
        SoCube myCube = new SoCube();
        root.addChild(myCube);
        myCube.setName("MyCube");
        SoSphere mySphere = new SoSphere();
        root.addChild(mySphere);
        mySphere.setName("MySphere");
        RemoveCube();
        System.exit(0);
    }

    static void RemoveCube() {
        SoSeparator myRoot;
        myRoot = (SoSeparator)SoNode.getByName("Root");
        SoCube myCube;
        myCube = (SoCube)SoNode.getByName("MyCube");
        myRoot.removeChild(myCube);
    }
}
```

Three basic types of nodes

- **Shape nodes**
 - They represent 3D geometric objects
- **Property nodes**
 - They represent appearance and qualitative characteristics of the scene
 - transformations
 - appearance
 - metrics
- **Group nodes**
 - They are used as containers for a set of nodes

Shape node classes



- **SoCylinder** fields:
 - **SoSFBitMask parts**: Visible parts of the cylinder
 - SoCylinder::SIDES
 - SoCylinder::TOP
 - SoCylinder::BOTTOM
 - SoCylinder::ALL (default)
 - **SoSFFloat radius**
 - **SoSFFloat height**
- **SoCylinder** methods:
 - **void addPart(SoCylinder::Part part)**
 - **void removePart(SoCylinder::Part part)**
 - To turn on and off parts of the cylinder

```
SoCylinder *myCylinder = new SoCylinder;  
myCylinder->radius = 1.;  
myCylinder->height = 3.;  
myCylinder->removePart(SoCylinder::TOP);
```

- **SoCylinder fields:**
 - **SoSFBitMask parts:** Visible parts of the cylinder
 - SoCylinder.SIDES
 - SoCylinder.TOP
 - SoCylinder.BOTTOM
 - SoCylinder.ALL (default)
 - **SoSFFloat radius**
 - **SoSFFloat height**
- **SoCylinder methods:**
 - **void addPart(int part)**
 - **void removePart(int part)**
 - To turn on and off parts of the cylinder

```
SoCylinder myCylinder = new
SoCylinder();
myCylinder.radius.setValue(1);
myCylinder.height.setValue(3);
myCylinder.removePart(SoCylinder.TOP);
```

- **SoLineSet** fields:
 - **SoMFInt32 numVertices**: list of number of vertices for each polyline
 - **SoSFNode vertexProperty** : points description
 - Reminder : since 2.1, *startIndex* field is obsolete (for all non-indexed shapes),
as well as **SO_LINE_SET_USE_REST_OF_VERTICES** (-1) in
numVertices
- If **vertexProperty** is NULL, SoLineSet uses the current
coordinates given by the last **SoVertexProperty** or
SoCoordinate property node traversed.
- Following example, draw three polylines, the first one uses
points 1,2,3 of the coordinates list, the second one, 4,5,6,7 and
last one 8 and 9.

```
static long numPoints[] = {3,4,2}
SoLineSet *myLineSet = new SoLineSet;
myLineSet->numVertices.setValues(0,3,numPoints);
```

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```
static int[] numPoints={3,4,2};  
SoLineSet myLineSet = new SoLineSet();  
myLineSet.numVertices.setValues(0,numPoints);
```

- **SolIndexedFaceSet** fields: (all from **SolIndexedShape** class)
 - SoMFInt32 **coordIndex**: list of vertex indices for each face. Each face list ends with SO_END_FACE_INDEX (-1).
 - **materialIndex**, **normalIndex** and **textureIndex** fields may be initialized to specify a color/normal/texture at each vertex/face/shape (Described later with property nodes).
 - SoSFNode **vertexProperty**
- If **vertexProperty** is NULL, SolIndexedFaceSet uses the current coordinates given by the last **SoVertexProperty** or **SoCoordinate** property node traversed.
- Following example, draw a set of two faces with 3 and 4 vertices.

```
static long vertexList[] = {2,4,3,-1, 7,3,4,5,-1};  
SolIndexedFaceSet *myIndexedFaceSet = new SolIndexedFaceSet ;  
myIndexedFaceSet ->coordIndex(0,9, vertexList);
```

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 - **SoSFNode vertexProperty**
- If **vertexProperty** is null, **SolIndexedFaceSet** uses the current coordinates given by the last **SoVertexProperty** or **SoCoordinate** property node traversed.
- Following example, draw a set of two faces with 3 and 4 vertices.

```
static int[] vertexList = {2,4,3,-1, 7,3,4,5,-1};  
SolIndexedFaceSet fset = new SolIndexedFaceSet ();  
fset.coordIndex.setValues(0, vertexList);
```

- **SoText2** fields:
 - SoMFString **string**
 - SoSFFloat **spacing**: distance between two successive characters depending on text height. 1. for single spacing, 2. for double
 - SoSFEenum **justification**:
 - SoText2::LEFT
 - SoText2::RIGHT
 - SoText2::CENTER
- The 2D text will not be affected by any of the transformations defined in the scene graph and will always be drawn screen-aligned.
- The text font and text height (in pixels) are defined using the SoFont property node

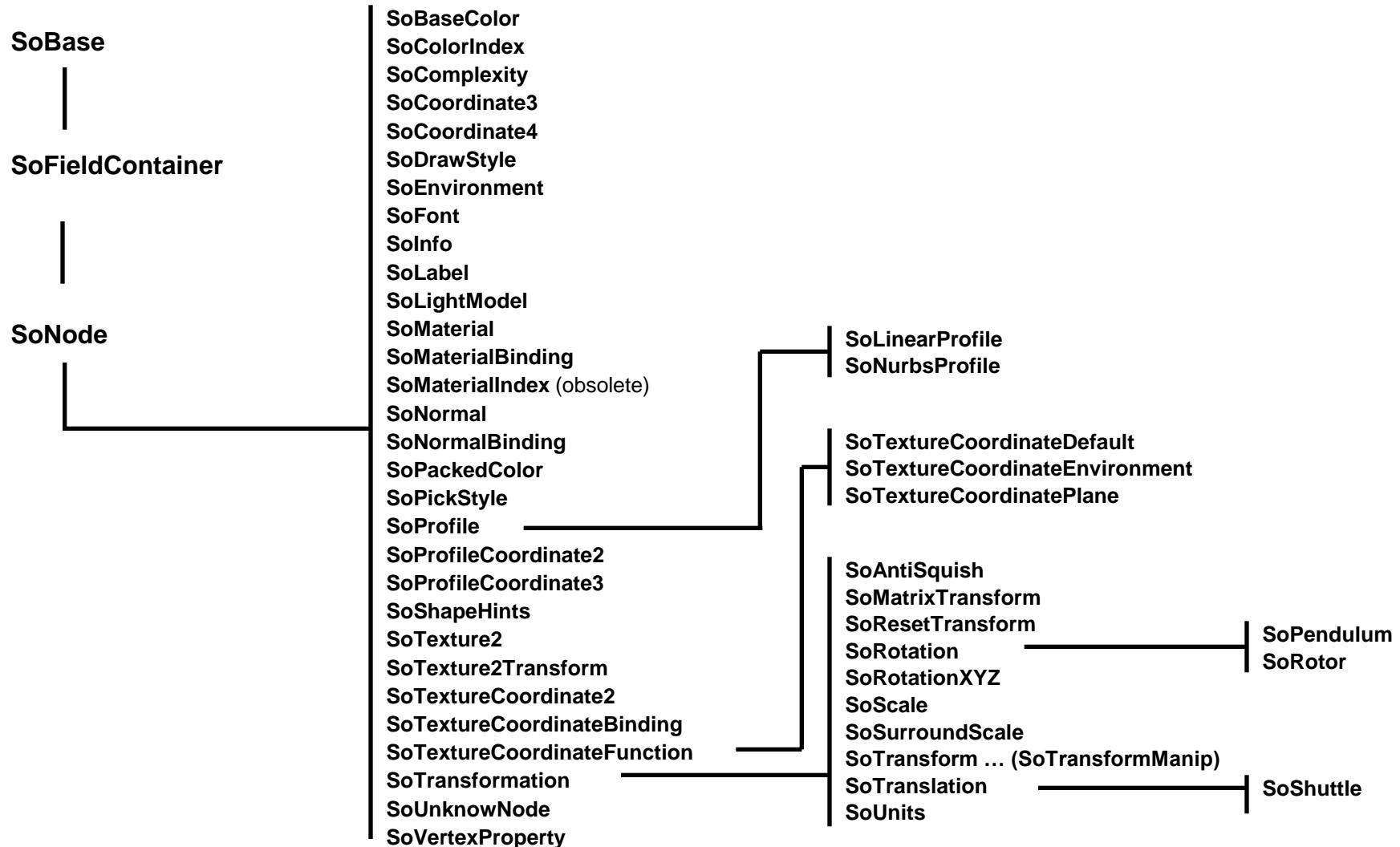
```
SoFont *myFont = new SoFont;
myFont->name.setValue("Times-Roman");
myFont->size.setValue(24.0);
SoText2 *myText = new SoText2;
myText->string = "STRING";
myText->spacing = .5;
myText->justification = CENTER;
```

- SoText2 fields:
 - SoMFString **string**
 - SoSFFloat **spacing**: distance between two successive characters depending on text height. 1. for single spacing, 2 for double
 - SoSEnum **justification**:
 - SoText2.LEFT
 - SoText2.RIGHT
 - SoText2.CENTER
- The 2D text will not be affected by any of the transformations defined in the scene graph and will always be drawn screen-aligned.
- The text font and text height (in pixels) are defined using the SoFont property node

```
SoFont myFont = new SoFont();
myFont.name.setValue("Times-Roman");
myFont.size.setValue(24);
SoText2 myText = new SoText2();
myText.string.setValue("STRING");
myText.spacing.setValue(0.5f);
myText.justification.setValue(SoText2.CENTER);
```

- **SoText3** fields:
 - SoMFString **string**
 - SoSFFloat **spacing** (See **SoText2**)
 - SoSFEnum **justification** (See **SoText2**)
 - SoSFBitMask **parts**
 - SoText3::FRONT (default)
 - SoText3::BACK
 - SoText3::SIDES
 - SoText3::ALL
- The 3D text will be rendered by extruding its 2D faces along a **profile** defined by an **SoProfile** property node. By default, the profile is a straight line of length 1.

Property node classes



- **SoCoordinate3**: Node which replaces current 3D coordinates. This node sets coordinates used by subsequent shape nodes.
 - Field: SoMFVec3f **point**
- **SoCoordinate4**: Node which replaces current 3D coordinates. This node sets coordinates used by subsequent shape nodes. The first three coordinates are divided by the fourth one to define the 3D coordinates. This node is mainly used by NURBS nodes.
 - Field: SoMFVec4f **point**
- **SoNormal**: Node to define surface normal for subsequent shape nodes.
 - Field: SoMFVec3f **vector**
- **SoProfileCoordinate2(3)**: Node which replaces current 2(3)D profile coordinates. This node sets coordinates used by subsequent SoProfile nodes. Used for 3D text or NURBES
 - Field: SoMFVec2(3)f **point**

- **SoVertexProperty**: used to efficiently specify coordinates, normals, texture coordinates, colors, transparency values, material binding and normal binding for vertex-based shapes, i.e., shapes of class **SoVertexShape**.
- **SoVertexProperty fields** :
 - SoMFVec3f **vertex**
 - SoMFVec3f **normal**
 - SoMFUInt32 **orderedRGBA**
 - SoMFVec2f **texCoord**
 - SoSFEnum **normalBinding**
 - SoSFEnum **materialBinding**
- Can be used as a child of a group node in a scene graph
- Can also be directly referenced as the **VertexProperty SoSFField** of a vertex-based shape, bypassing scene graph inheritance (*preferred for performance*).

- SoVertexProperty::OVERALL
- SoVertexProperty::PER_PART
- SoVertexProperty::PER_PART_INDEXED
- SoVertexProperty::PER_FACE
- SoVertexProperty::PER_FACE_INDEXED
- SoVertexProperty::PER_VERTEX
- SoVertexProperty::PER_VERTEX_INDEXED



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- SoVertexProperty.OVERALL
- SoVertexProperty.PER_PART
- SoVertexProperty.PER_PART_INDEXED
- SoVertexProperty.PER_FACE
- SoVertexProperty.PER_FACE_INDEXED
- SoVertexProperty.PER_VERTEX
- SoVertexProperty.PER_VERTEX_INDEXED

- **SoDrawStyle** property node is used to define the style of rendering
 - Fields:
 - SoSFEenum **style**: drawing mode:
 - SoDrawStyle::FILLED
 - SoDrawStyle::LINES
 - SoDrawStyle::POINTS
 - SoDrawStyle::INVISIBLE
 - SoSFFloat **pointSize**: radius of points
 - SoSFFloat **lineWidth**
 - SoSFUShort **linePattern** (0 to 0xffff)

```
SoDrawStyle *style = new SoDrawStyle ;  
style->style = POINTS;  
style->lineWidth = 2.;
```

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 - Fields:
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 - SoDrawStyle.LINES
 - SoDrawStyle.POINTS
 - SoDrawStyle.INVISIBLE
 - SoSFFloat **pointSize**: radius of points
 - SoSFFloat **lineWidth**
 - SoSFShort **linePattern** (0 to 0xffff)

```
SoDrawStyle drawStyle = new SoDrawStyle() ;  
drawStyle.style.setValue(SoDrawStyle.POINTS);  
drawStyle.lineWidth.setValue(2);
```

- **SoMaterial** is used to define current surface material properties. If you want to set only a diffuse color for shape nodes use **SoBaseColor** instead to get **faster rendering**.
 - Fields (*SoMFColor* for backward compatibility only, supports only unique value) :
 - *SoMFColor* **ambientColor**
 - *SoMFColor* **diffuseColor**
 - *SoMFColor* **specularColor**
 - *SoMFColor* **emissiveColor**
 - *SoMFFloat* **shininess** (0. to 1.)
 - *SoMFFloat* **transparency** (0. opaque to 1. full)
- **Transparency** and **diffuseColor** can be used as multiple fields to be used with **SoMaterialBinding** property node.
- Note that **SoVertexProperty** provides support for changing diffuse color and transparency within a shape (with accelerated performance).

```
SoMaterial *gold = new SoMaterial;
gold->ambientColor.setValue(.3,.1,.1);
gold->diffuseColor.setValue(.8,.7,.2);
gold->specularColor.setValue(.4,.3,.1);
gold->shininess = .4;
```

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 - Fields (*SoMFColor* for backward compatibility only, supports only unique value) :
 - *SoMFColor ambientColor*
 - *SoMFColor diffuseColor*
 - *SoMFColor specularColor*
 - *SoMFColor emissiveColor*
 - *SoMFFloat shininess* (0. to 1.)
 - *SoMFFloat transparency* (0. opaque to 1. full)
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```
SoMaterial gold = new SoMaterial();
gold.ambientColor.setValue(.3f,.1f,.1f);
gold.diffuseColor.setValue(.8f,.7f,.2f);
gold.specularColor.setValue(.4f,.3f,.1f);
gold.shininess.setValue(.4f);
```

- **SoMaterialBinding** property node is used to specify how **multiple material** are bound to shapes (i.e. diffuse colors and transparency, see **SoMaterial**). The correct number of diffuse colors must be specified.
If not enough transparency are provided, the first one is used.
 - Fields:
 - **SoSFEnum value:** This value may be meaningless depending on which shape is going to use it.
 - SoMaterialBinding::DEFAULT
 - SoMaterialBinding::NONE
 - SoMaterialBinding::OVERALL
 - SoMaterialBinding::PER_PART
 - SoMaterialBinding::PER_PART_INDEXED
 - SoMaterialBinding::PER_FACE
 - SoMaterialBinding::PER_FACE_INDEXED
 - SoMaterialBinding::PER_VERTEX
 - SoMaterialBinding::PER_VERTEX_INDEXED

- If an Open Inventor application does not provide the normals needed for rendering, does not provide normal list (**SoNormal** or **SoVertexProperty**) or does not specify enough normals for the number of vertices, faces or parts
 - then Open Inventor will automatically compute the normals using the **creaseAngle** field sets using **SoShapeHints** node.
- Automatic calculation is time consuming so it may be better to provide the **SoNormal** node to avoid this. Caching can be used to avoid multiple calculation if normals cannot be provided in an **SoNormal** node and the automatic calculation is needed.

- **SoNormalBinding** property node is used to specify how normals from **SoNormal** node are bound to shapes.
 - Fields:
 - **SoSFEnum value:** This value may be meaningless depending on which shape is going to use it.
 - SoNormalBinding ::OVERALL
 - SoNormalBinding ::PER_PART
 - SoNormalBinding ::PER_PART_INDEXED
 - SoNormalBinding ::PER_FACE
 - SoNormalBinding ::PER_FACE_INDEXED
 - SoNormalBinding ::PER_VERTEX
 - SoNormalBinding ::PER_VERTEX_INDEXED
 - (DEFAULT and NONE are obsolete, equivalent to PER_VERTEX_INDEXED)
- You must specify the correct number of normals in the **SoNormal** node (no cycling).

- **SoLightModel** node is used to set the lighting model for rendering.
 - Fields:
 - SOSFEnum **model**
 - **SoLightModel::BASE_COLOR**
 - Use only the diffuse color of the model. In this mode light sources are ignored.
 - **SoLightModel::PHONG** (default)
 - Use Phong lighting model. In this mode light sources are combined with material properties depending on the surface orientation to produce the correct shading.
 - Does not support indexed colors (**SoColorIndex**).

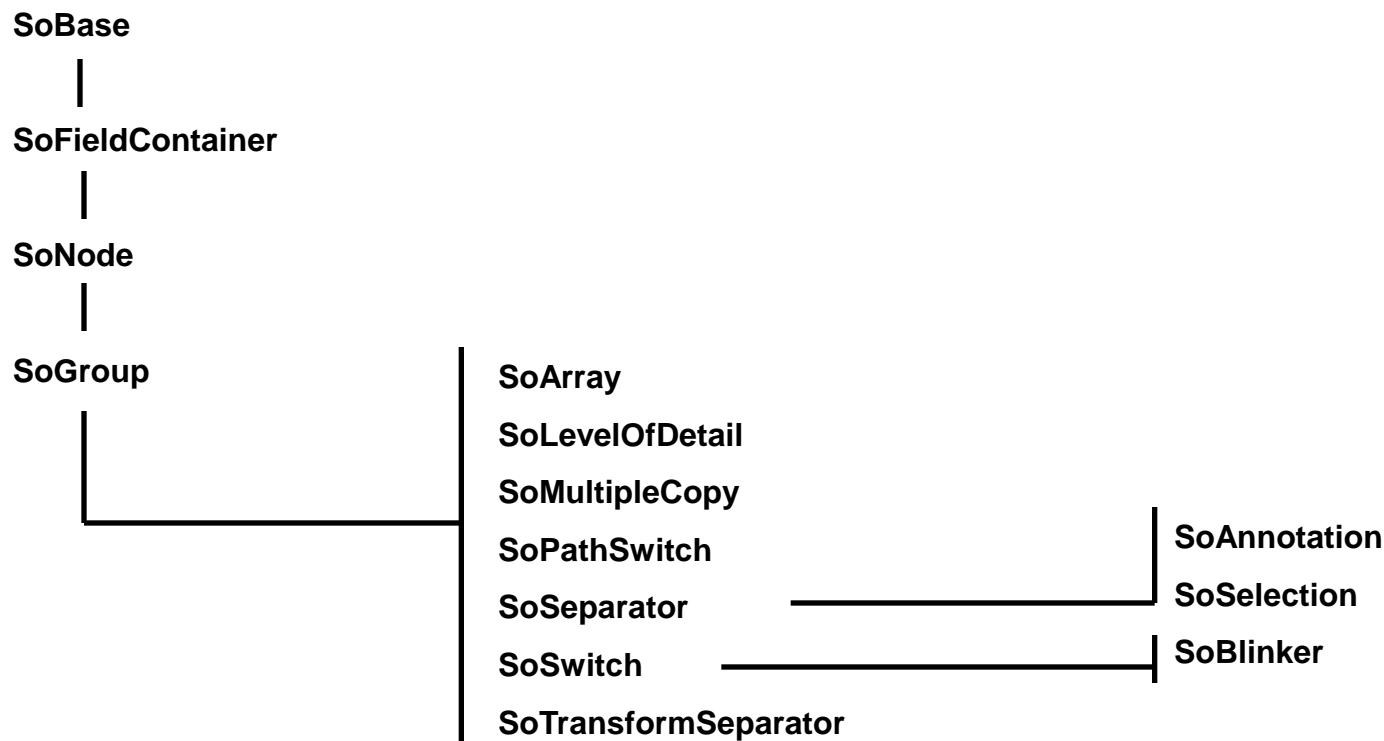
- SoShapeHints property node is used to give some hints about the geometry of shapes to be rendered. This is used by Inventor to optimize rendering performance.
 - Fields:
 - SoSFEenum **vertexOrdering**
 - SoShapeHints::UNKNOWN_ORDERING
 - SoShapeHints::CLOCKWISE
 - SoShapeHints::COUNTERCLOCKWISE
 - SoSFEenum **shapeType**: Is the shape a closed volume?
 - SoShapeHints::UNKNOWN_SHAPE_TYPE
 - SoShapeHints::SOLID
 - SoSFEenum **faceType**
 - SoShapeHints::UNKNOWN_FACE_TYPE
 - SoShapeHints::CONVEX
 - SoSFFloat **creaseAngle**: minimum angle to form a sharp crease.

- SoComplexity node is used to determine the complexity or precision of the way shapes are rendered.
 - Fields:
 - SoSFEnum **type**
 - SoComplexity::SCREEN_SPACE: Subdivision of the object relies on the size of the projection on the screen.
 - SoComplexity::OBJECT_SPACE: Subdivision of the object in faces relies on the object size itself. This is the default.
 - SoComplexity::BOUNDING_BOX: Only the bounding box of the object is rendered using current traversal state values.
 - SoSFFloat **value**: (0. - 1.) minimum to maximum complexity.
 - SoSFFloat **textureQuality**: (0. - 1.) minimum to maximum quality.

- SoTransform property node defines a 3D transformation consisting of a non-uniform scale about an arbitrary point, a rotation about an arbitrary point and axis, and then a translation.
- Unlike other property nodes, this node does not replace the current traversal state list value but has a cumulative effect on the current geometric transformation.
 - Fields:
 - SoSFVec3f **translation**
 - SoSFRotation **rotation**
 - SoSFVec3f **scaleFactor**
 - SoSFRotation **scaleOrientation**
 - SoSFVec3f **center**
 - Methods can be used to initialize the transformation matrix without initializing each field of the SoTransform node.

- Instead of using an **SoTransform** node that initializes a complete transformation matrix, the following nodes can be used to specify a transformation:
 - **SoRotation**
 - Field: **SoSFRotation rotation**
 - **SoRotationXYZ**
 - Fields:
 - **SoSFEnum axis (X,Y,Z)**
 - **SoSFFloat angle**
 - **SoTranslation**
 - Field:
 - **SoSFVec3f translation**
 - **SoScale**
 - Field:
 - **SoSFVec3f scaleFactor**

Group node classes



- A group node is a container for collecting child objects.
- Basic class for all group nodes is **SoGroup**.
- **SoGroup** node first methods:
 - `void addChild(SoNode *child)`
 - `void insertChild(SoNode *child, int newChildIndex)`
 - `void removeChild(int index)`
 - `void removeChild(SoNode *child)`
 - `void removeAllChildren()`
 - `void replaceChild(int index, SoNode *newChild)`
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- **SoSeparator** group node inserted in a scene graph saves the traversal state list, and then restores it after the traversal has gone through all its children.
- **SoTransformSeparator** has the same effect but only on the current geometric transformation.
- SoSeparator is used to separate sub graphs in a scene graph.
- To be sure the traversal state list is set to default value before each redraw, **use a SoSeparator node as the root node** of the scene graph.
- A root node is not referenced, so its reference count remains 0. Applying an action to it (such as rendering the scene graph) will increment its reference number to 1 and then decrease it to 0 after rendering. Then the node is deleted!

```
SoSeparator *mySep = new SoSeparator;  
mySep->ref();  
mySep->addChild(myNode);
```

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SoSwitch & SoLevelOfDetail

- **SoSwitch** group node selects one of its children during traversal process according to the value of its field **whichChild**.

```
SoSwitch *mySwitch = new SoSwitch ;  
mySwitch->addChild(node1);  
mySwitch->addChild(node2);  
mySwitch->addChild(node3);  
mySwitch->whichChild = 2;
```

C++

```
SoSwitch mySwitch = new SoSwitch ();  
mySwitch.addChild(node1);  
mySwitch.addChild(node2);  
mySwitch.addChild(node3);  
mySwitch.whichChild.setValue(2);
```

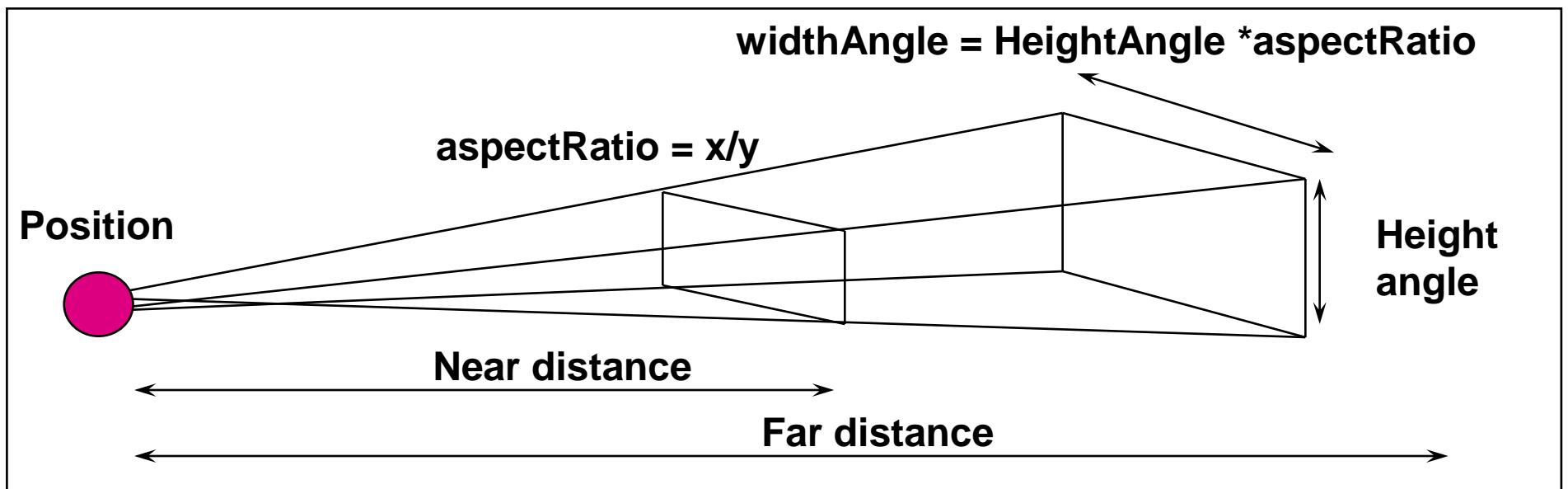
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- **SoBlinker** node (derived from SoSwitch class) can be used to automatically cycle through the children.
- **SoLevelOfDetail** switching group node allows conditional traversal of its children depending on area values defined in its field **screenArea**. The screen area is computed as the size of the projection of the object bounding box onto the screen in square pixel units. This area is then compared to the values in the field. If area is greater than the first value then first child is traversed, if area is between first and second value then second child... This node is very important for **display performance**.
- **SoLOD** is a distance based level of detail switching group.

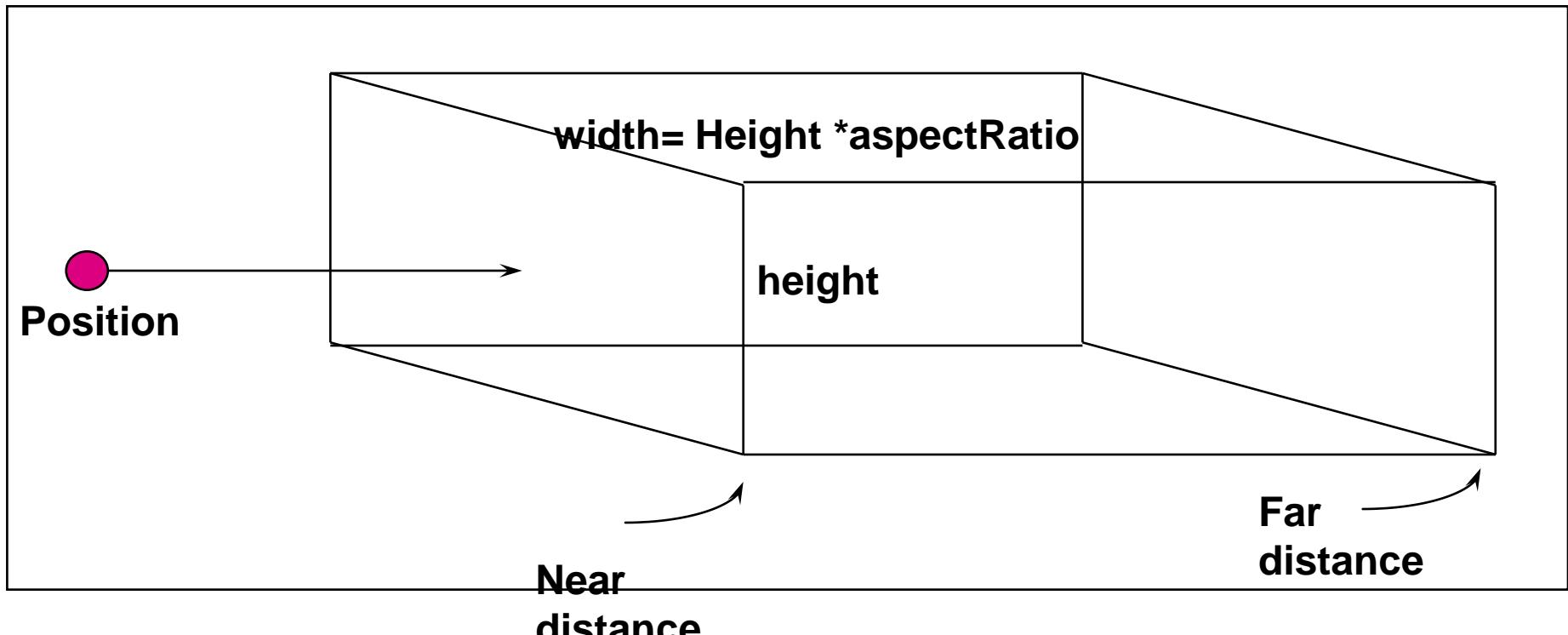
- **SoPointLight**, **SoDirectionalLight** and **SoSpotLight** may be added to a scene graph to light it.
 - Reminder: Ambient light is defined in an **SoEnvironment** node, and shape nodes can also have an emissive color. Also, the default lighting model is PHONG, so if a scene does not include any light source, nothing will be visible.
- **SoTransformSeparator** node may be useful to separate light location transformations from shape geometry transformations.
- Each of these light nodes has the following fields:
 - **SoSFBool** **on**
 - **SoSFFloat** **intensity** (0. to 1.)
 - **SoSFColor** **color**
 - **SoSFVec3f** **location** (Point+Spot only)
 - **SoSFVec3f** **direction** (Dir+Spot only)
 - **SoSFFloat** **dropOffRate** (Spot only)
 - **SoSFFloat** **cutOffAngle** (Spot only)

- A scene graph may contain a camera node to define viewing.
- Only one camera node should be found when traversing a scene graph.
- **SoCamera** is the base class for all camera nodes.
- SoCamera fields:
 - SoSFEnum **viewportMapping**
 - SoSFVec3f **position**
 - SoSFRotation **orientation**
 - SoSFFloat **aspectRatio**
 - SoSFFloat **nearDistance**
 - SoSFFloat **farDistance**
 - SoSFFloat **focalDistance**

- **SoPerspectiveCamera** is derived from **SoCamera** class.
- This node defines a “natural” view that imitates how objects appear to a human observer.
- Added field:
 - **SoSFFloat heightAngle**



- **SoOrthographicCamera** is derived from **SoCamera** class.
- This node defines a parallel projection.
- Added field:
 - **SoSFFloat height**



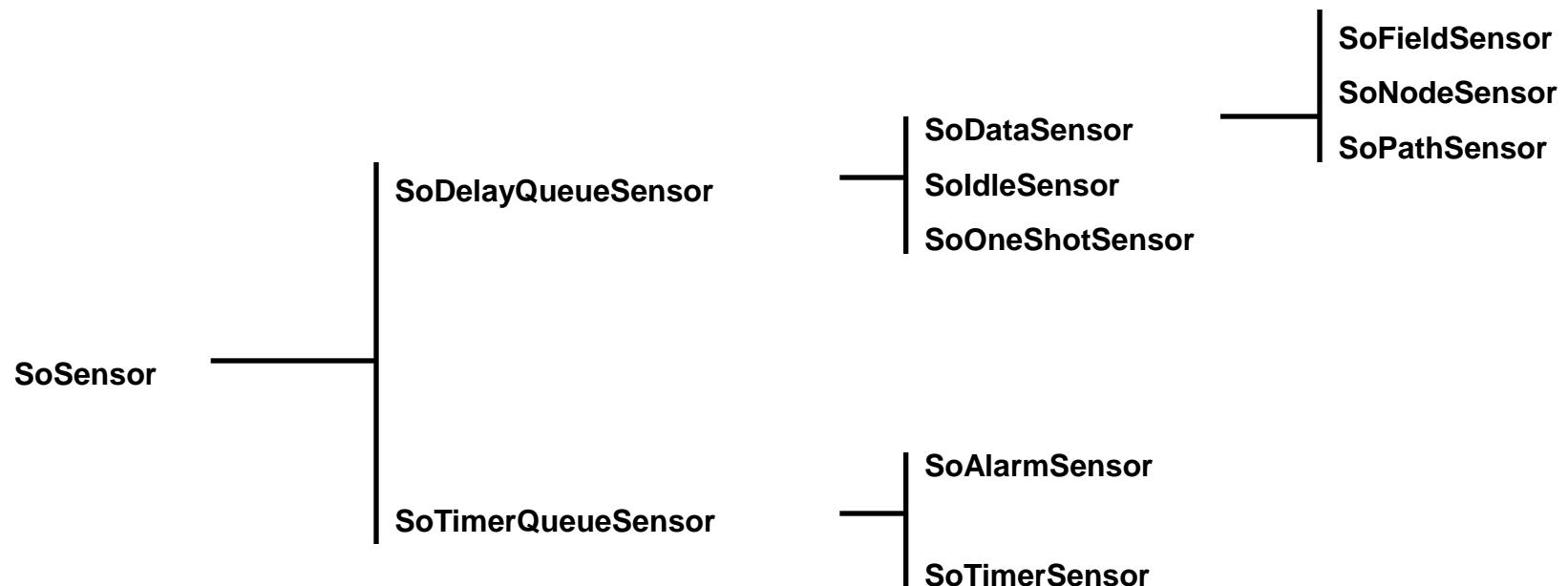
- Specifying SoCamera fields manually may be quite complex. Some useful methods may be used instead:
- **void pointAt(const SbVec3f &targetPoint)**
 - Automatically sets the **orientation** field of the SoCamera node.
- **void viewAll(SoNode *root, const SbViewportRegion &vRegion)**
- **void viewAll(SoPath *path, const SbViewportRegion &vRegion)**
 - To set automatically the **position**, **nearDistance** and **farDistance** fields of the SoCamera node to view all of the scene graph. The SbViewportRegion parameter defines the portion of the rendering area to which the 2D image will be mapped. This region can be set to the whole rendering area by calling the **getRegionViewport()** method of **SoXtRenderArea** or its derived classes.

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Write an application which creates a simple scene graph describing a pen made of cone and cylinder nodes for instance, light the scene, add a camera which won't affect the light position and display the scene in a viewer.

Sensors classes



- Sensors are Inventor classes that watch for **events** and call a user-defined **callback** when events occur.
- There are two main types of sensors:
 - **Data sensors** which watch for field, node, or path changes. These sensors are placed in the **delay queue** which is called when the CPU is idle or after a time-out set by calling the **SoDB::setDelaySensorTimeout()** method
 - **Timer sensors** which respond to certain scheduling conditions. These sensors are placed in the **timer queue** which is called when an alarm or the sensor is scheduled to go off.
- **Triggering** a sensor means calling its callback and removing it from the queue
- **Scheduling** a sensor means adding it to the queue.
- **Unscheduling** a sensor means removing it from the queue.
- **Notifying** a data sensor means letting it know that the attached field, node, or path has changed. The sensor is then scheduled.

- **SoFieldSensor**, **SoNodeSensor**, and **SoPathSensor** are the three data sensors provided in Inventor.
- Skeleton of an application using data sensors:
 - Construct the sensor
 - Define the callback function
 - Define sensor priority (0:high (not queued) to 100:low)
 - Attach the sensor to the field, node, or path
- What happens when the attached field, node or path changes?
 - The sensor is automatically scheduled
 - When CPU is idle or after time-out, the delay queue is processed and sensors in it are triggered
- **getTriggerField()**, **getTriggerNode()**, and **getTriggerPath()** methods of **SoSensor** class can be used to get back information about the changed field, node, or path.

- **setPriority()**, **setFunction()** and **attach()** methods are used to initialize data sensors.

```
#include <Inventor/SoDB.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoCube.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoSeparator.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoSphere.h>
#include <Inventor/sensors/SoNodeSensor.h>

// Sensor callback function:
static void rootChangedCB(void *, SoSensor *s) {
    // We know the sensor is really a data sensor:
    SoDataSensor *mySensor = (SoDataSensor *)s;
    SoNode *changedNode = mySensor->getTriggerNode();
    SoField *changedField = mySensor->getTriggerField();

    printf("The node named '%s' changed\n",
        changedNode->getName().getString());

    if (changedField != NULL) {
        SbName fieldName;
        changedNode->getFieldName(changedField, fieldName);
        printf(" (field %s)\n", fieldName.getString());
    } else {
        printf(" (no fields changed)\n");
    }
}
```

```
void main(int , char **)
{
    SoDB::init();

    SoSeparator *root = new SoSeparator;
    root->ref();
    root->setName("Root");

    SoCube *myCube = new SoCube;
    root->addChild(myCube);
    myCube->setName("MyCube");

    SoSphere *mySphere = new SoSphere;
    root->addChild(mySphere);
    mySphere->setName("MySphere");

    SoNodeSensor *mySensor = new SoNodeSensor;
    mySensor->setPriority(0);
    mySensor->setFunction(rootChangedCB);
    mySensor->attach(root);

    // Now, make a few changes...
    myCube->width = 1.0;
    myCube->height = 2.0;
    mySphere->radius = 3.0;
    root->removeChild(mySphere);
}
```

- **setPriority(), setFunction() and attach()** methods are used to initialize data sensors.

```
import com.tgs.inventor.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.nodes.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.fields.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.sensors.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.misc.callbacks.SoSensorCB;

class DataSensorExample {

    // Sensor callback function:
    static class rootChangedCB extends SoSensorCB {
        public void invoke(SoSensor s) {
            // We know the sensor is really a data sensor:
            SoDataSensor mySensor = (SoDataSensor)s;
            SoNode changedNode = mySensor.getTriggerNode();
            SoField changedField = mySensor.getTriggerField();

            System.out.println("The node named " +
                changedNode.getName().getString() +
                " changed");

            if (changedField != null) {
                SbName fieldName = changedNode.getFieldName(changedField);
                System.out.println("field " +
                    fieldName.getString() +
                    " changed");
            } else
                System.out.println(" (no fields changed)");
        }
    }
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] argv) {
    SoSeparator root = new SoSeparator();
    root.setName("Root");

    SoCube myCube = new SoCube();
    root.addChild(myCube);
    myCube.setName("MyCube");

    SoSphere mySphere = new SoSphere();
    root.addChild(mySphere);
    mySphere.setName("MySphere");

    SoNodeSensor mySensor = new SoNodeSensor();

    mySensor.setPriority(0);
    mySensor.setFunction(new rootChangedCB());
    mySensor.attach(root);

    // Now, make a few changes...
    myCube.width.setValue(1);
    myCube.height.setValue(2);
    mySphere.radius.setValue(3);
    root.removeChild(mySphere);
}

}
```

Other delay-queue sensors

- These sensors must be manually scheduled by applying the **schedule()** method of the SoSensor class.
- They are low-level priority sensors and may be used for low-level priority tasks.
- They will be triggered only once per scheduling.
- **SoOneShotSensor**
 - will invoke its callback only once, when the delay queue is processed
- **SoIdleSensor**
 - will invoke its callback once
 - whenever the application is idle

```
SoOneShotSensor *render;
main() {
...
    render = new SoOneShotSensor(doRenderCB, NULL);
...
}
void changeScene()
{
...
    render->schedule();
}
void doRenderCB(void *userData, SoSensor*)
{
// does rendering...
}
```

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static void main(String[]) {
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    ...
}
void changeScene()
{
    ...
    render.schedule();
}
static class doRenderCB extends SoSensorCB {
    public void invoke(SoSensor s) {
        // does rendering...
    }
}
```

- **SoAlarmSensor** and **SoTimerSensor** are the two timer-queued sensors provided in Inventor
- Skeleton of an application using these sensors:
 - Construct the sensor
 - Define the callback function
 - Set timing parameters of the sensor
 - Schedule the sensor
- **SoAlarmSensor** will be triggered once at a specified time
 - methods:
 - `void setTime(const SbTime &absTime)`
 - `void setTimeFromNow(const SbTime &relTime)`
- **SoTimerSensor** will be triggered at regular intervals
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Timer sensors example

```

#include <Inventor/SoDB.h>
#include <Inventor/Xt/SoXt.h>
#include <Inventor/Xt/viewers/SoXtExaminerViewer.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoCone.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoRotation.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoSeparator.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoTransform.h>
#include <Inventor/sensors/SoTimerSensor.h>

// This function is called either 10 times/second or once every
// second; the scheduling changes every 5 seconds (see below):
static void rotatingSensorCallback(void *data, SoSensor *)
{
    // Rotate an object...
    SoRotation *myRotation = (SoRotation *)data;
    SbRotation currentRotation = myRotation->rotation.getValue();
    currentRotation = SbRotation(
        SbVec3f(0,0,1), M_PI/90.0) * currentRotation;
    myRotation->rotation.setValue(currentRotation);
}

// This function is called once every 5 seconds, and
// reschedules the other sensor.
static void schedulingSensorCallback(void *data, SoSensor *)
{
    SoTimerSensor *rotatingSensor = (SoTimerSensor *)data;
    rotatingSensor->unschedule();
    if (rotatingSensor->getInterval() == 1.0)
        rotatingSensor->setInterval(1.0/10.0);
    else
        rotatingSensor->setInterval(1.0);
    rotatingSensor->schedule();
}

```

```

void main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    if (argc != 2) {
        fprintf(stderr, "Usage: %s filename.iv\n", argv[0]);
        exit(1);
    }

    Widget myWindow = SoXt::init(argv[0]);
    if (myWindow == NULL) exit(1);

    SoSeparator *root = new SoSeparator;
    root->ref();

    SoRotation *myRotation = new SoRotation;
    root->addChild(myRotation);

    SoTimerSensor *rotatingSensor =
        new SoTimerSensor(rotatingSensorCallback, myRotation);
    rotatingSensor->setInterval(1.0); // scheduled once per second
    rotatingSensor->schedule();

    SoTimerSensor *schedulingSensor =
        new SoTimerSensor(schedulingSensorCallback, rotatingSensor);
    schedulingSensor->setInterval(5.0); // once per 5 seconds
    schedulingSensor->schedule

    SoInput inputFile;
    if (inputFile.openFile(argv[1]) == FALSE) {
        fprintf(stderr, "Could not open file %s\n", argv[1]);
        exit(1);
    }
    root->addChild(SoDB::readAll(&inputFile));

    SoXtExaminerViewer *myViewer =
        new SoXtExaminerViewer(myWindow);
    myViewer->setSceneGraph(root);
    myViewer->setTitle("Two Timers");
    myViewer->show();

    SoXt::show(myWindow); // Display main window
    SoXt::mainLoop(); // Main Inventor event loop
}

```

Timer sensors example

```

import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;

import com.tgs.inventor.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.sensors.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.nodes.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.awt.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.misc.callbacks.SoSensorCB;

public class TimerSensorExample {
    static private SoTimerSensor rotatingSensor;
    static private SoTimerSensor schedulingSensor;

    static class RotatingSensorCallback extends SoSensorCB {
        private SoRotation myRotation;
        public RotatingSensorCallback(SoRotation rot) { myRotation = rot; }

        public void invoke (SoSensor ted) {
            // Rotate an object...
            SbRotation currentRotation = myRotation.rotation.getValue();
            currentRotation.multiply(new SbRotation(new SbVec3f(0,0,1), (float)
Math.PI/90F));
            myRotation.rotation.setValue(currentRotation);
        }
    }

    static class SchedulingSensorCallback extends SoSensorCB {
        public void invoke (SoSensor ted) {
            // This function is called once every 5 seconds, and
            // reschedules the other sensor.
            rotatingSensor.unschedule();
            if (rotatingSensor.getInterval().equals(new SbTime(1)))
                rotatingSensor.setInterval(new SbTime(1F/10F));
            else
                rotatingSensor.setInterval(new SbTime(1));
            rotatingSensor.schedule();
        }
    }
}

```

```

public static void main (String [] argv) {
    // define the scene-graph root
    SoSeparator root = new SoSeparator();

    SoRotation myRotation = new SoRotation();
    root.addChild(myRotation);

    root.addChild(new SoCone());

    rotatingSensor = new SoTimerSensor(new
RotatingSensorCallback(myRotation),null);
    rotatingSensor.setInterval(new SbTime(1.0)); // scheduled once per second
    rotatingSensor.schedule();

    schedulingSensor = new SoTimerSensor(new SchedulingSensorCallback(),null);
    schedulingSensor.setInterval(new SbTime(5.0)); // once per 5 seconds
    schedulingSensor.schedule();

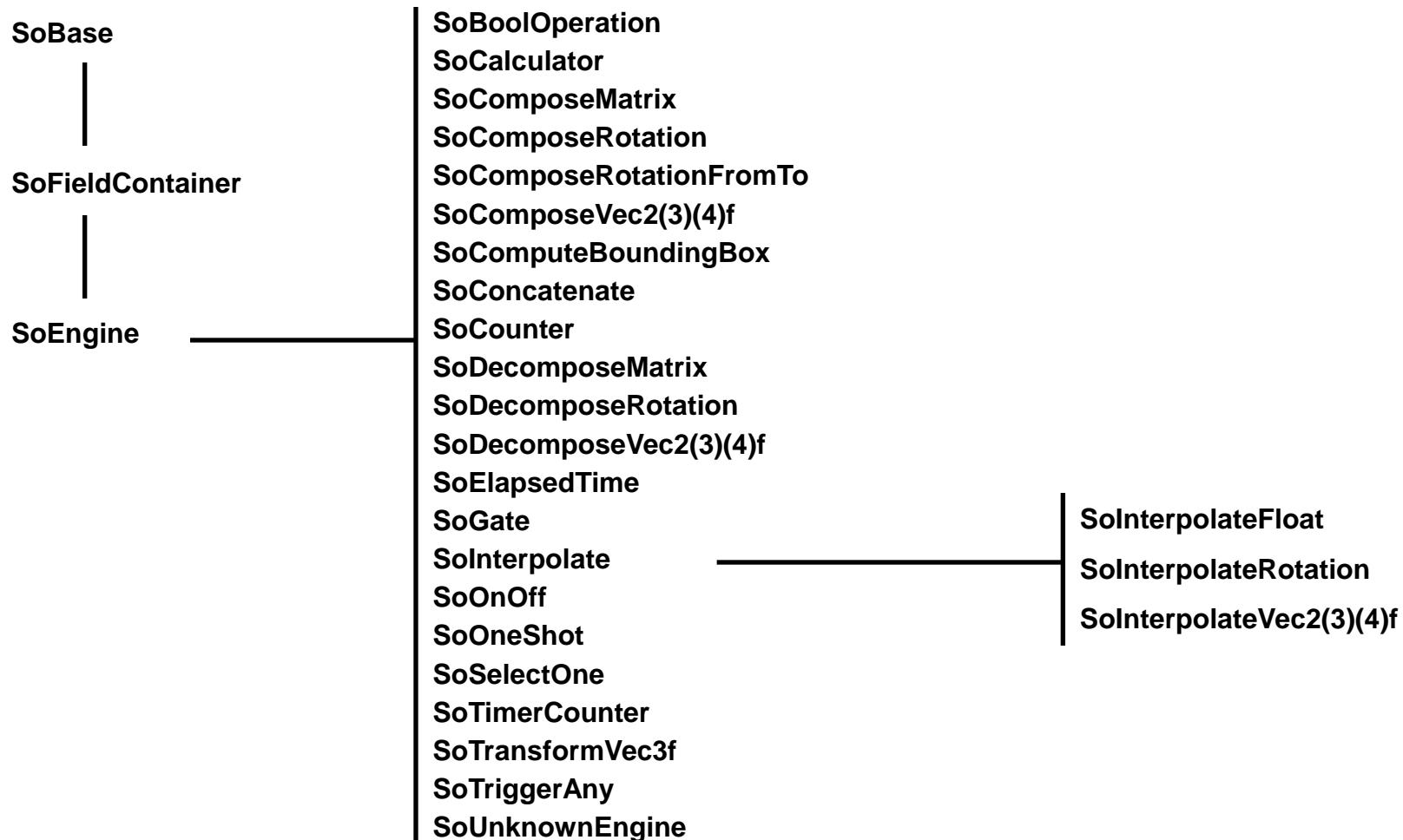
    SwSimpleViewer viewer = new SwSimpleViewer();
    viewer.setSceneGraph(root);
    viewer.viewAll();

    WindowListener l = new WindowAdapter() {
        public void windowClosing(WindowEvent e) {
            System.exit(0);
        }
    };

    Frame f = new Frame("");
    f.addWindowListener(l);
    f.add(viewer);
    f.pack();
    f.setVisible(true);
}

}

```



- Engines are Inventor nodes which can be used to animate part of the scene or to constrain some elements of the scene to each other.
- Unlike sensors, they have built-in functions and are part of the scenegraph. They are written to .iv files and are read back.
- Engines receive input values (**SoField**) and send output values (**SoEngineOutput**) when their input values change.
- Engine input and output can be connected to fields using **connectFrom** method from SoField class. Engines can also be connected together to build an engine network. Each time an engine outputs new values, the connected fields are updated.
- **Arithmetic, Animation, Triggered and Array Manipulation** are the four types of engines in Inventor.

- Arithmetic engines perform arithmetic operations on their inputs, then output the results.
- For instance, the SoBoolOperation engine performs a Boolean operation on two inputs and outputs the result.
 - Input:
 - SoMFBool **a**
 - SoMFBool **b**
 - SoMFEnum **operation** (SET, A, NOT_A, A_OR_B...)
 - Output:
 - SoMFBool **output**
 - SoMFBool **inverse**

C++

```
SoBoolOperation *myEngine = new SoBoolOperation;  
myEngine->a.connectFrom(&node1->field);  
myEngine->b.connectFrom(&node2->field);  
myEngine->operation= SoBoolOperation::A_OR_B;  
node3->field.connectFrom(&myEngine->output);
```

Java

```
SoBoolOperation myEngine = new SoBoolOperation();  
myEngine.a.connectFrom(node1.field);  
myEngine.b.connectFrom(node2.field);  
myEngine.operation.setValue(SoBoolOperation.A_OR_B);  
node3.field.connectFrom(myEngine.output);
```

- Animation engines can be used to animate objects in the scene graph. Each of them has a **timeIn** field which is connected to the **realTime** global field (default).
 - Reminder: **SoRotor**, **SoShuttle**, **SoPendulum**, **SoBlinker** nodes can be used for simple animations.
- **SoElapsedTime** functions as a stop watch.
 - Input:
 - SoSFTime **timeIn**
 - SoSFFloat **speed** (scale factor for timeout)
 - SoSFBool **on**
 - SoSFBool **pause**
 - Output:
 - SoSFTime **timeout**
- **SoOneShot** runs for a preset amount of time and stops.
- **SoTimeCounter** cycles from a minimum to a maximum count with a given frequency.

- **SoCounter**, **SoOnOff** and **SoTriggerAny** engines have a trigger input field. They output a value only when they are triggered, i.e. when their trigger field is changed using the **touch()** or **setValue()** method. This trigger field can be seen as a start button which activates the engine.
- **SoCounter** outputs numbers from a minimum to a maximum value, increasing by a step value.
- **SoOnOff** switches on and off its output.
- **SoTriggerAny** triggers its output whenever one of its 10 input triggers is touched.
- **SoGate** engine is an engine filter which allows continuous flow of its input to its output if its **enable** field is TRUE; If enable is FALSE, the engine will output only if its trigger field is touched. Input and output fields can be any **SoType**.

```
// Flower group
SoSeparator *flowerGroup = new SoSeparator;
root->addChild(flowerGroup);

// Read the flower object from a file and add to the group
if (!myInput.openFile("../data/flower.iv"))
    exit (1);
SoSeparator *flower= SoDB::readAll(&myInput);
if (flower == NULL) exit (1);

// Set up the flower transformations
SoTranslation *danceTranslation = new SoTranslation;
SoTransform *initialTransform = new SoTransform;
flowerGroup->addChild(danceTranslation);
initialTransform->scaleFactor.setValue(10., 10., 10.);
initialTransform->translation.setValue(0., 0., 5.);
flowerGroup->addChild(initialTransform);
flowerGroup->addChild(flower);

// Set up an engine to calculate the motion path:
// r = 5*cos(5*theta); x = r*cos(theta); z = r*sin(theta)
// Theta is incremented using a time counter engine,
// and converted to radians using an expression in
// the calculator engine.
SoCalculator *calcXZ = new SoCalculator;
SoTimeCounter *thetaCounter = new SoTimeCounter;

thetaCounter->max = 360;
thetaCounter->step = 4;
thetaCounter->frequency = 0.075;

calcXZ->a.connectFrom(&thetaCounter->output);
calcXZ->expression.setValue(0, "ta=a*M_PI/180"); // theta
calcXZ->expression.setValue(1, "tb=5*cos(5*ta)"); // r
calcXZ->expression.setValue(2, "td=tb*cos(ta)"); // x
calcXZ->expression.setValue(3, "te=tb*sin(ta)"); // z
calcXZ->expression.setValue(4, "oA=vec3f(td,0,te)");
danceTranslation->translation.connectFrom(&calcXZ->oA);
```

```
import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;

import com.tgs.inventor.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.awt.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.nodes.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.engines.*;

class EngineExample {
    public static void main(String[] argv) {
        // Create the scene graph
        SoSeparator root = new SoSeparator();

        // Set up the flower transformations
        SoTranslation danceTranslation = new SoTranslation();
        SoTransform initialTransform = new SoTransform();
        root.addChild(danceTranslation);
        initialTransform.scaleFactor.setValue(10,10,10);
        initialTransform.translation.setValue(0,0,5);
        root.addChild(initialTransform);
        root.addChild(new SoCylinder());

        SoTimeCounter thetaCounter = new SoTimeCounter();
        thetaCounter.max.setValue((short)180);
        thetaCounter.step.setValue((short)4);
        thetaCounter.frequency.setValue(0.075f);

        SoCalculator calcXZ = new SoCalculator();
        calcXZ.a.connectFrom(thetaCounter.output);
        calcXZ.expression.setValue(0, "ta=a*M_PI/180"); // theta
        calcXZ.expression.setValue(1, "tb=5*cos(5*ta)"); // r
        calcXZ.expression.setValue(2, "td=tb*cos(ta)"); // x
        calcXZ.expression.setValue(3, "te=tb*sin(ta)"); // z
        calcXZ.expression.setValue(4, "OA=vec3f(td,0,te)");
        danceTranslation.translation.connectFrom(calcXZ.oA);

        SwSimpleViewer viewer = new SwSimpleViewer();
        viewer.setSceneGraph(root);
        viewer.viewAll();

    }
}
```

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- Using second example scene graph, add engines nodes to animate the pen along a XY trajectory curve. A sensor is used to update a 3D text string giving pen XY coordinates and to draw the pen trajectory.
 - See Appendix 3 Tutorial3 for solution

- Inventor translates window system-dependent events to **SoEvent** class event, using an **SoSceneManager** object. This object is included in the **SoXtRenderArea** object.
- For each event received the scene manager creates an instance of the **SoHandleEventAction**.
- This action goes through the scene graph and stops whenever a node which wants to deal with this event is found.
- **SoSelection** node can be inserted in the scene graph for picking.
- **SoEventCallback** node can be inserted in the scene graph. If this node is traversed by the **SoHandleEventAction** and it selects the current event, then the attached callback is called.
- An Inventor application can directly deal with events before translation by the scene manager, by calling **setEventCallback** method of the **SoXtRenderArea** object.

- An **SoSelection** node may be inserted near the root of the scene graph. All children of this node may be selected.
- This node maintains a **selection list**, which is a list of paths starting with the selection node and ending with the selected object.
- This list can be updated by **select**, **deselect**, **toggle**, **deselectAll** methods or when a left mouse button event “picks” an object of the scene.
- This list can be inquired using **isSelected**, **getNumSelected**, **getList**, **getPath** methods.
- SoSelection **policy** field tells Inventor how to update the list when the left mouse button is pressed on a node. The node path may be added to the list after clearing it or not, the node may be deleted from the list if already in it.
- Selected paths in the selection list may be highlighted using the **setGLRenderAction** method of SoXtRenderArea class.

```
void mySelectionCB(void *, SoPath *selectionPath)
{
    printf(selectionPath->getTail()->getTypeId().getName().getString());
}

SoPath *pickFilterCB(void *, const SoPickedPoint *pick)
{
    // See which child of selection got picked
    SoPath *p = pick->getPath();
    SbVec3f *v = pick->getPoint(); // can also retrieve normals, texcoords...
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < p->getLength() - 1; i++) {
        SoNode *n = p->getNode(i);
        if (n->isOfType(SoSelection::getClassTypeId()))
            break;
    }
    // Copy 2 nodes from the path: selection and the picked child
    return p->copy(i, 2);
}

main()
{
    // ...
    SoSelection *selectionRoot = new SoSelection;
    selectionRoot->ref();
    selectionRoot->addSelectionCallback(mySelectionCB);
    selectionRoot->setPickFilterCallback(pickFilterCB);

    // Add the scene graph (SoSelection is derived from SoSeparator)
    selectionRoot->addChild(new SoCone);
    // ...
    // To get automatic highlighting :
    viewer->setGLRenderAction(new SoBoxHighlightRenderAction());
    viewer->redrawOnSelectionChange(selectionRoot);
    // ...
}
```

SoSelection example1

```
import ...  
import com.tgs.inventor.actions.*;  
  
class SelectionHighlight {  
    public static void main(String[] argv) {  
        new SelectionHighlight();  
    }  
  
    SelectionHighlight() {  
        // Create and set up the selection node  
        SoSelection selectionRoot = new SoSelection();  
  
        // Add some geometry to the scene  
        // a cube  
        SoSeparator cubeRoot = new SoSeparator();  
        SoTransform cubeTransform = new SoTransform();  
        SoCube cube = new SoCube();  
        cubeRoot.addChild(cubeTransform);  
        cubeRoot.addChild(cube);  
        cubeTransform.translation.setValue(-2, 2, 0);  
        selectionRoot.addChild(cubeRoot);  
  
        // a sphere  
        SoSeparator sphereRoot = new SoSeparator();  
        SoTransform sphereTransform = new SoTransform();  
        SoSphere sphere = new SoSphere();  
        sphereRoot.addChild(sphereTransform);  
        sphereRoot.addChild(sphere);  
        sphereTransform.translation.setValue(2, 2, 0);  
        selectionRoot.addChild(sphereRoot);  
  
        SwSimpleViewer viewer = new SwSimpleViewer();  
        SwRenderArea area = viewer.getArea();  
        area.setGLRenderAction(new SoBoxHighlightRenderAction());  
        area.redrawOnSelectionChange(selectionRoot);  
        viewer.setSceneGraph(selectionRoot);  
        viewer.viewAll();  
  
    }  
}
```

SoSelection example2

```
class SelectionPicked {
    SoCoordinate3 markerCoord;

    class myPickCB extends SoSelectionPickCB {
        public SoPath invoke(SoPickedPoint p) {
            markerCoord.point.setValue(p.getPoint());
            return null;
        }
    }

    SelectionPicked() {
        // Create and set up the selection node
        SoSelection selectionRoot = new SoSelection();
        selectionRoot.setPickFilterCallback(new myPickCB());

        // a cube (PICKABLE)
        SoSeparator cubeRoot = new SoSeparator();
        SoTransform cubeTransform = new SoTransform();
        cubeTransform.translation.setValue(-2, 2, 0);
        cubeRoot.addChild(cubeTransform);
        cubeRoot.addChild(new SoCube());
        selectionRoot.addChild(cubeRoot);

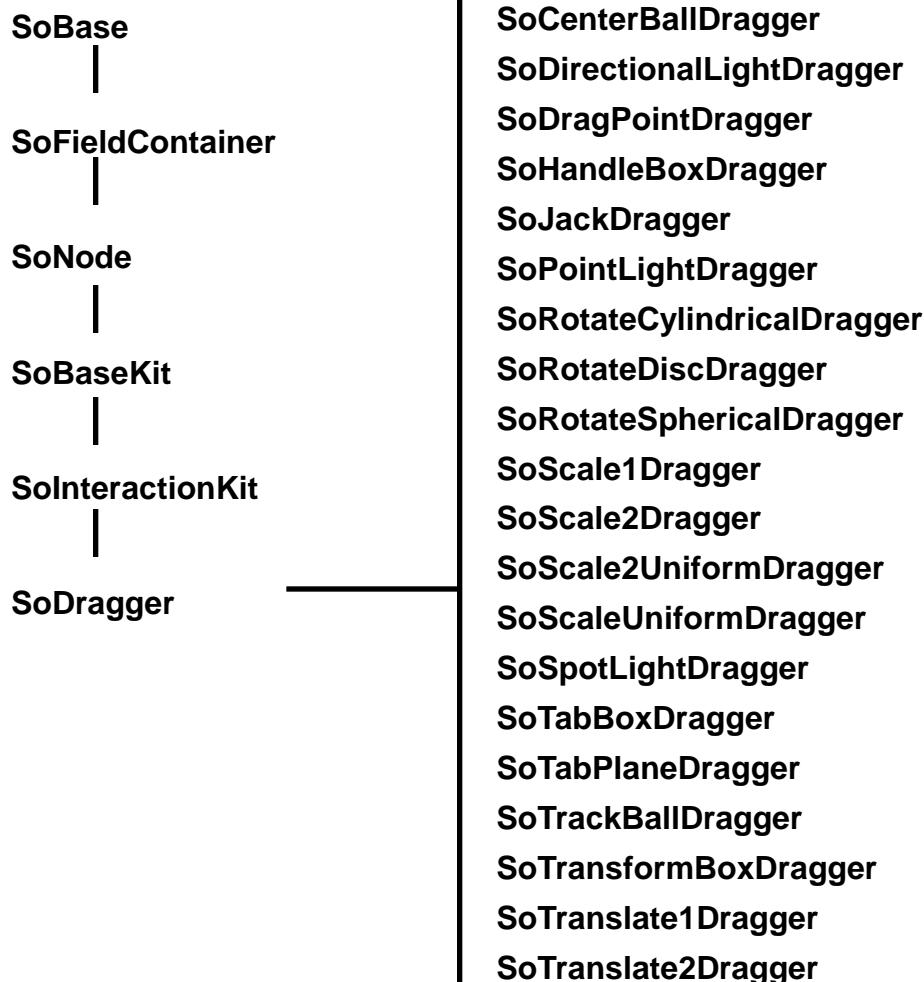
        // a sphere (UNPICKABLE)
        SoSeparator sphereRoot = new SoSeparator();
        SoPickStyle pickStyle = new SoPickStyle();
        pickStyle.style.setValue(SoPickStyle.UNPICKABLE);
        sphereRoot.addChild(pickStyle);
        SoTransform sphereTransform = new SoTransform();
        sphereTransform.translation.setValue(2, 2, 0);
        sphereRoot.addChild(sphereTransform);
        sphereRoot.addChild(new SoSphere());
        selectionRoot.addChild(sphereRoot);

        // a marker at the picked point
        markerCoord = new SoCoordinate3();
        markerCoord.point.setValue(0,0,0);
        SoMaterial markerMat = new SoMaterial();
        markerMat.diffuseColor.setValue(1,0,0);
        SoMarkerSet marker = new SoMarkerSet();
        marker.markerIndex.setValue(SoMarkerSet.STAR_9_9);
        selectionRoot.addChild(markerMat);
        selectionRoot.addChild(markerCoord);
        selectionRoot.addChild(marker);
    }
}
```

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- Using third example, add picking facility to turn on and off animation of the pen by picking on the main part of the pen. Then picking on end part of the pen activate or desactivate a material editor to change color of the pen and then of the trajectory curve.
 - See Appendix 4 Tutorial4 for solution

Dragger classes



- Draggers are nodes in the scene graph with a built-in user interface. They insert their geometry in the scene and react to user events.
- The main use of draggers is to connect them to other node fields and then use them as input devices equivalent to sliders for instance.

```
#include <Inventor/engines/SoCompose.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoCone.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoSeparator.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoTransform.h>
#include <Inventor/Xt/SoXt.h>
#include <Inventor/Xt/viewers/SoXtExaminerViewer.h>
#include <Inventor/draggers/SoTranslate1Dragger.h>

void main(int , char **argv)
{
    Widget myWindow = SoXt::init(argv[0]);
    if (myWindow == NULL) exit(1);

    SoSeparator *root = new SoSeparator;
    root->ref();

    // Create myDragger with an initial translation of (1,0,0)
    SoTranslate1Dragger *myDragger =
        new SoTranslate1Dragger;
    root->addChild(myDragger);
    myDragger->translation.setValue(1,0,0);
```

```
// Place an SoCone above myDragger
SoTransform *myTransform = new SoTransform;
SoCone   *myCone = new SoCone;
root->addChild(myTransform);
root->addChild(myCone);
myTransform->translation.setValue(0,3,0);

// SoDecomposeVec3f engine extracts myDragger's x-
component
// The result is connected to myCone's bottomRadius.
SoDecomposeVec3f *myEngine = new SoDecomposeVec3f;
myEngine->vector.connectFrom(&myDragger->translation);
myCone->bottomRadius.connectFrom(&myEngine->x);

// Display them in a viewer
SoXtExaminerViewer *myViewer
    = new SoXtExaminerViewer(myWindow);
myViewer->setSceneGraph(root);
myViewer->setTitle("Dragger Edits Cone Radius");
myViewer->viewAll();
myViewer->show();

SoXt::show(myWindow);
SoXt::mainLoop();
```

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- The main use of draggers is to connect them to other node **fields**, and then use them as input devices equivalent to sliders for instance.

```
import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.awt.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.nodes.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.engines.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.draggers.*;

class DraggerExample {

    public static void main (String [] argv) {
        SoSeparator root = new SoSeparator();

        // Create myDragger with an initial translation of (1,0,0)
        SoTranslate1Dragger myDragger = new SoTranslate1Dragger();
        root.addChild(myDragger);
        myDragger.translation.setValue(1,0,0);

        // Place an SoCone above myDragger
        SoTransform myTransform = new SoTransform();
        SoCone myCone = new SoCone();
        root.addChild(myTransform);
        root.addChild(myCone);
        myTransform.translation.setValue(0,3,0);
```

```
    // SoDecomposeVec3f engine extracts myDragger's x-component
    // The result is connected to myCone's bottomRadius.
    SoDecomposeVec3f myEngine = new SoDecomposeVec3f();
    myEngine.vector.connectFrom(myDragger.translation);
    myCone.bottomRadius.connectFrom(myEngine.x);

    SwSimpleViewer viewer = new SwSimpleViewer();
    viewer.setSceneGraph(root);
    viewer.viewAll();

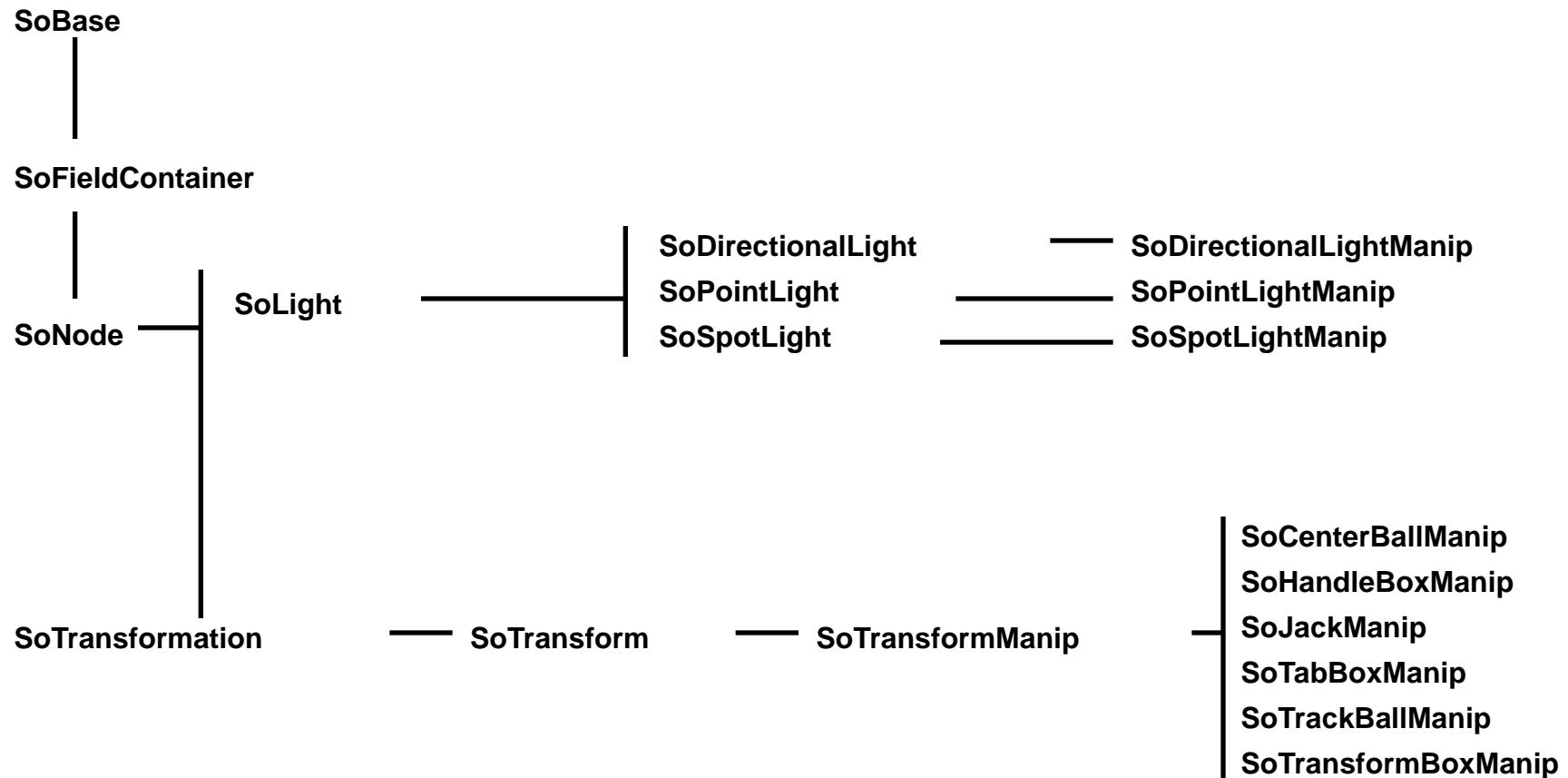
    WindowListener l = new WindowAdapter() {
        public void windowClosing(WindowEvent e) {
            System.exit(0);
        }
    };

    Frame f = new Frame("");
    f.addWindowListener(l);
    f.add(viewer) ;
    f.pack();
    f.setVisible(true) ;
}
```

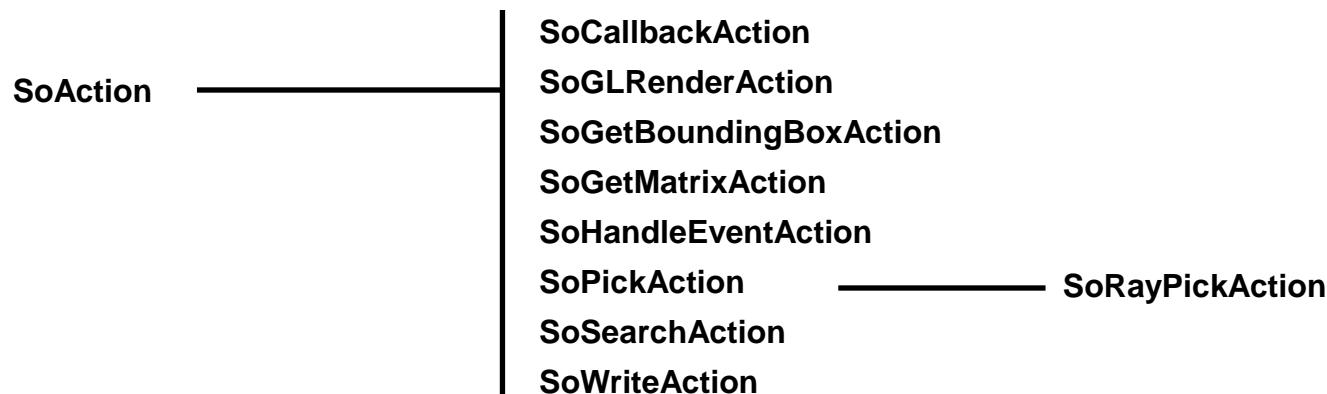
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- Using fourth example, add a dragger to change pen width.
 - See Appendix 5 Tutorial5 for solution

Manipulator classes



- Unlike draggers which are devices you can use to edit a field by connecting them, manipulators are **object editors**.
- Manipulators are sub-classes of other nodes. Internally they use draggers to interact and **edit themselves**.
- To use a manipulator:
 - Construct the manipulator (do not forget to reference it if you plan to use it again).
 - Use the **replaceNode** method to replace the node to edit with the corresponding manipulator.
 - Interact with the manipulator to edit the node.
 - Use the **replaceManip** method to restore the original node.



- We have already seen **SoGLRenderAction** render the scene graph on the screen, and **SoHandleEventAction** dispatch events through the scene graph.
- **SoGetBoundingBoxAction** can be applied to get the bounding box of a scene graph.
- **SoWriteAction** is used to write a scene graph to a file.
- **SoOffscreenRenderer** is used to output the scene graph in EPS format. Use the **writeToPostScript()** method.

Java

```
SbViewportRegion vp;  
vp->setWindowSize(SbVec2s(300,400));  
rootNode = getMyScene();  
SoOffScreenRenderer renderer(vp);  
renderer->render(rootNode);  
renderer->writeToPostScript(stdout);
```

```
SoSeparator root = getMyScene();  
SbViewportRegion vp = new SbViewportRegion();  
vp.setWindowSize(new SbVec2s((short)300,(short)400));  
  
SoOffscreenRenderer renderer = new SoOffscreenRenderer(vp);  
renderer.render(root);  
renderer.writeToPostScript(new FILE(...));
```

SoRayPickAction SoWriteAction sample

```
SbBool writePickedPath(SoNode *root,
                       const SbViewportRegion &viewport,
                       const SbVec2s &cursorPosition)
{
    SoRayPickAction myPickAction(viewport);

    // Set an 8-pixel wide region around the pixel
    myPickAction.setPoint(cursorPosition);
    myPickAction.setRadius(8.0);

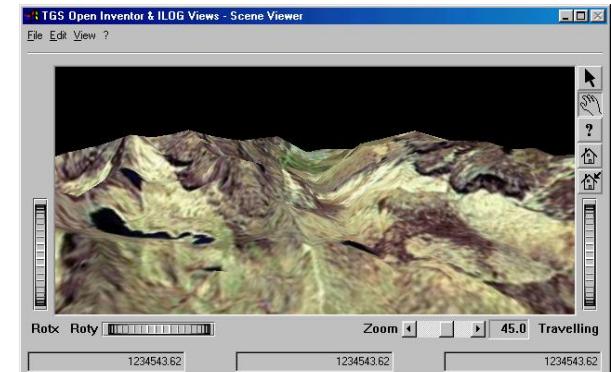
    // Start a pick traversal
    myPickAction.apply(root);
    const SoPickedPoint *myPickedPoint = myPickAction.getPickedPoint();
    if (myPickedPoint == NULL) return FALSE;

    // Write out the path to the picked object
    SoWriteAction myWriteAction;
    myWriteAction.getOutput()->openFile("output.iv");
    myWriteAction.getOutput()->setBinary(FALSE); // default
    myWriteAction.apply(myPickedPoint->getPath());
    myWriteAction.getOutput()->closeFile();

    return TRUE;
}
```

- A simple VRML viewer

```
SoXtWalkViewer examinerViewer = new SoXtWalkViewer(SoXt::init());  
SoInput mySceneInput;  
mySceneInput.openFile(«terrain.wrl» );  
examinerViewer->setSceneGraph(SoDB::readAll(&mySceneInput));  
mySceneInput.closeFile();  
examinerViewer->setSceneGraph(sceneRoot);  
examinerViewer->show();  
SoXt::mainLoop();
```

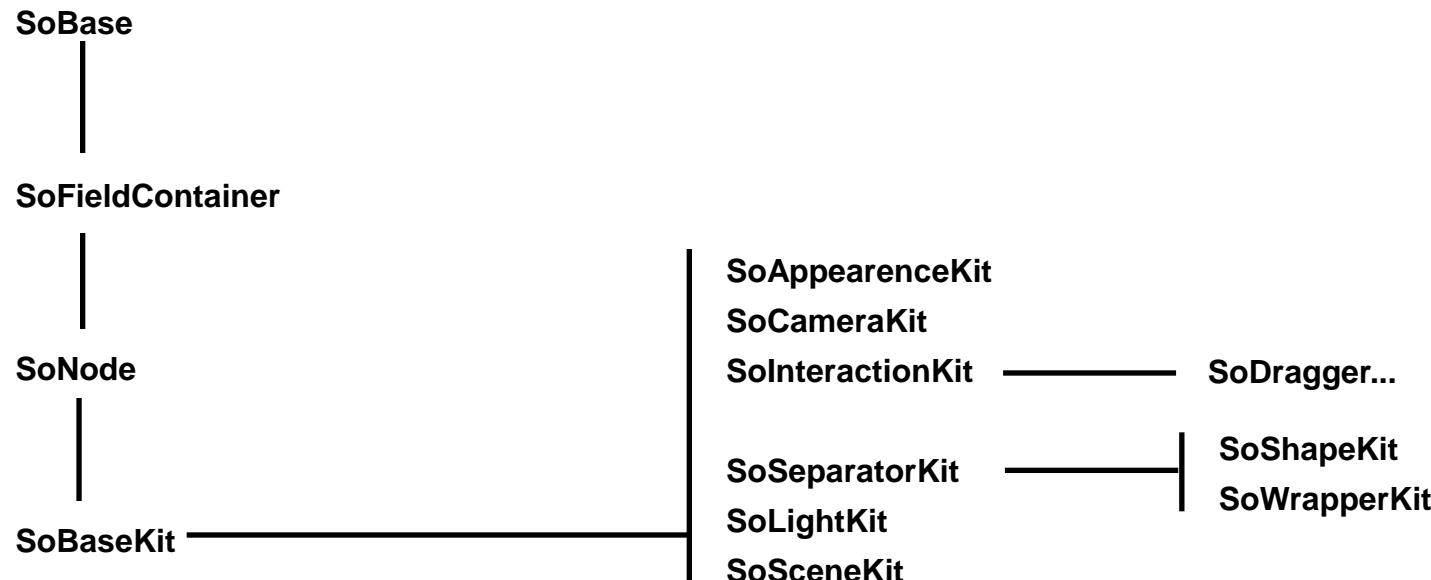


- Converting OIV scene graph to VRML

```
SoToVRML2Action *toVRML2Action = new SoToVRML2Action;  
toVRML2->apply(umbrellaRoot);  
SoOutput out;  
out.openFile(outputfile);  
out.setHeaderString("#VRML V2.0 utf8");  
SoWriteAction writeAction(&out);  
writeAction.apply((SoNode *) toVRML2->getVRML2SceneGraph());  
out.closeFile();
```

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- Using fifth example, add a manipulator to change text orientation. The manipulator will be activated by picking the text, depressing “Q” letter will unactivate it. (Search action is used to retrieve path to the manipulator).
 - See Appendix 6 Tutorial6 for solution



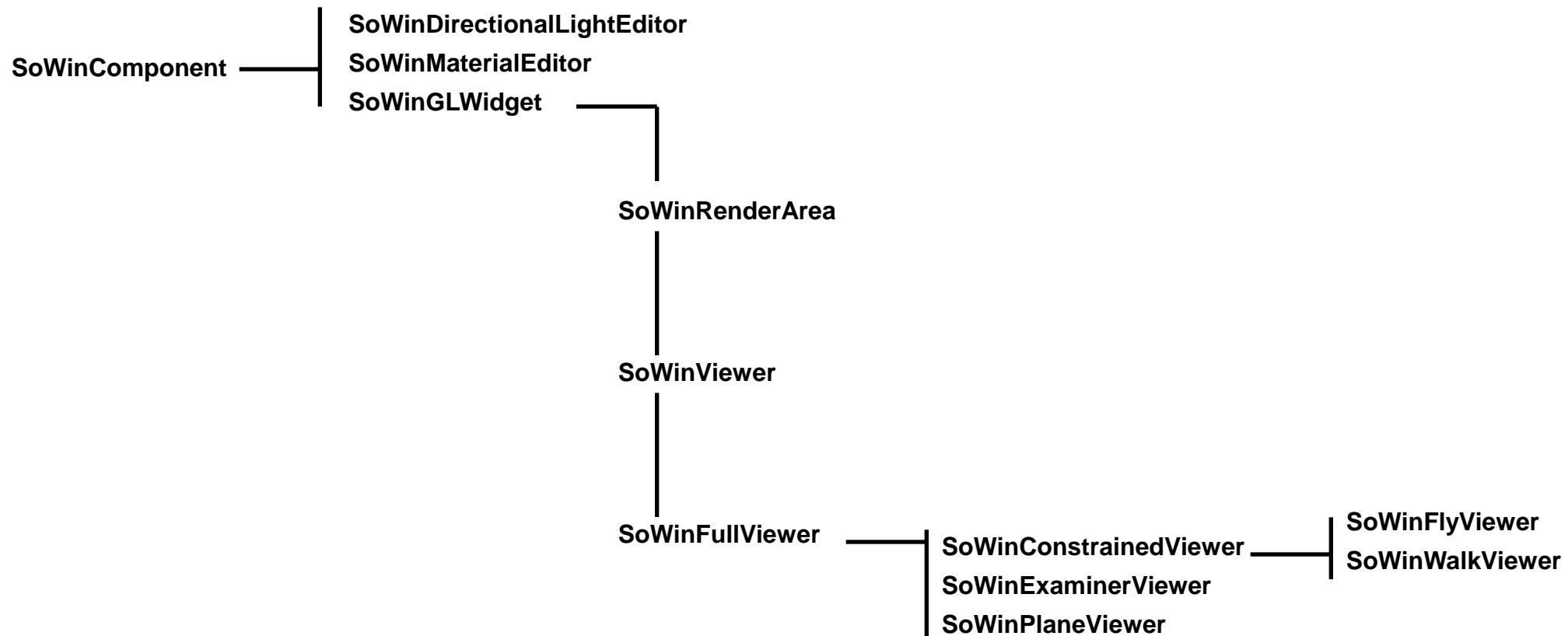
- **Node Kits** are collection of nodes
- Divided in parts, described in a **SoNodeKitCatalog**
- Parts include “hidden” children nodes, some are created by default.
- **SoPath** ends on node kits, cast to **SoFullPath** or **SoNodeKitPath** for more.
- **SoBaseKit** methods :
 - **SoNode *getPart(SbName &partName, SbBool makeIfNeeded);**
// Convenience macros : **SO_GET_PART()**, **SO_CHECK_PART()**
 - **SbBool setPart(SbName &partName, SoNode *newPart);** // node
 - **SbBool set(char *partName, char*parameters);** // field
 - **SbBool set(char *nameValuePairs);** // field

```
SoShapeKit *myKit = new SoShapeKit;
myKit->setPart("shape", new SoText3);
myKit->set("shape {part ALL string \"NICE\"}");
myKit->set("font", "size 2");
```

- **Node Kits** are collection of nodes
- Divided in parts, described in a **SoNodeKitCatalog**
- Parts include “hidden” children nodes, some are created by default.
- **SoPath.regular** ends on node kits, use **SoPath.full** or **SoPath.nodekit** members for more.
- **SoBaseKit** methods :
 - **SoNode** **getPart**(String partName, boolean makeIfNeeded);
boolean **setPart**(String partName, SoNode newPart); // node
 - boolean **set**(String partName, String parameters); // field
 - boolean **set**(String nameValuePairs); // field

```
SoShapeKit myKit = new SoShapeKit();
myKit.setPart("shape", new SoText3());
myKit.set("shape {part ALL string \"NICE\"}");
myKit.set("font", "size 2");
```

Editor and viewer classes



- Editors are independent windows which allow the user to edit interactively a node.
- Editors are attached to a specific node.
- To use an editor:
 - Construct the editor .
 - Use the **attach** method to link the editor with a node.
 - Use the **show** (**setVisible** in Java) method to display the editor.

C++

```
SoMaterialEditor *myEditor = new SoMaterialEditor;  
myEditor->attach (myMaterial);  
myEditor->show();
```

Java

```
SwMaterialEditor myEditor = new SwMaterialEditor();  
myEditor.attach (myMaterial);  
myEditor.setVisible();
```

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- Using sixth example, add picking facility to activate or deactivate a material editor by picking on the end part of the pen. The material editor will change color of the pen.

- Area (SwRenderArea) and viewers (SwViewer) use awt components to render the scene graph.
- Unfortunately mxing awt and swing component need some particular attention
- See
<http://java.sun.com/products/jfc/tsc/articles/mixing/index.html>
- Use
`JPopupMenu.setDefaultLightWeightPopupEnabled(boolean)`

- Mixing Open Inventor for Java and swing (example)

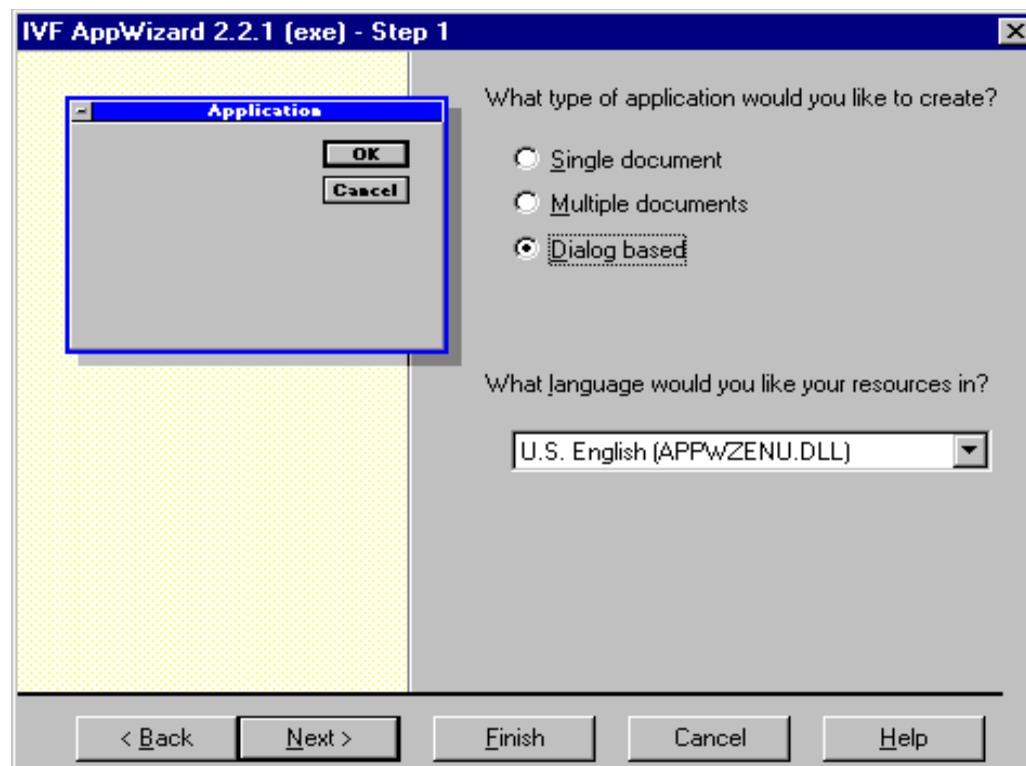
```
import javax.swing.*;  
import java.awt.*;  
import java.awt.event.*;  
import com.tgs.inventor.*;  
import com.tgs.inventor.awt.*;  
import com.tgs.inventor.nodes.*;  
  
public class HelloConeSwing {  
    public HelloConeSwing() {  
        // Make a scene containing a red cone  
        SoSeparator root = new SoSeparator();  
        root.addChild(new SoDirectionalLight());  
        SoMaterial myMaterial = new SoMaterial();  
        myMaterial.diffuseColor.setValue(1,0,0); // Red  
        root.addChild(myMaterial);  
        root.addChild(new SoCone());  
  
        // Put the scene in viewer  
        SwSimpleViewer viewer = new SwSimpleViewer();  
        viewer.setSceneGraph(root);  
  
        JPopupMenu.setDefaultLightWeightPopupEnabled(false);  
        JMenu menu = new JMenu("MyMenu");  
        menu.add(new JMenuItem("opt 1"));  
        menu.add(new JMenuItem("opt 2"));  
    }  
}
```

```
JMenuBar menubar = new JMenuBar();  
menubar.add(menu);  
  
JFrame f = new JFrame ("HelloCone");  
f.addWindowListener(new WindowListener());  
f.getContentPane().add(viewer);  
f.setJMenuBar(menubar);  
f.pack();  
f.setVisible(true);  
}  
  
class WindowListener extends WindowAdapter {  
    public void windowClosing(WindowEvent e) {  
        System.exit(0);  
    }  
}  
  
public static void main(String argv[]) {  
    new HelloConeSwing();  
}
```

- The easiest way to integrate your Open Inventor application with Microsoft Developer Studio.

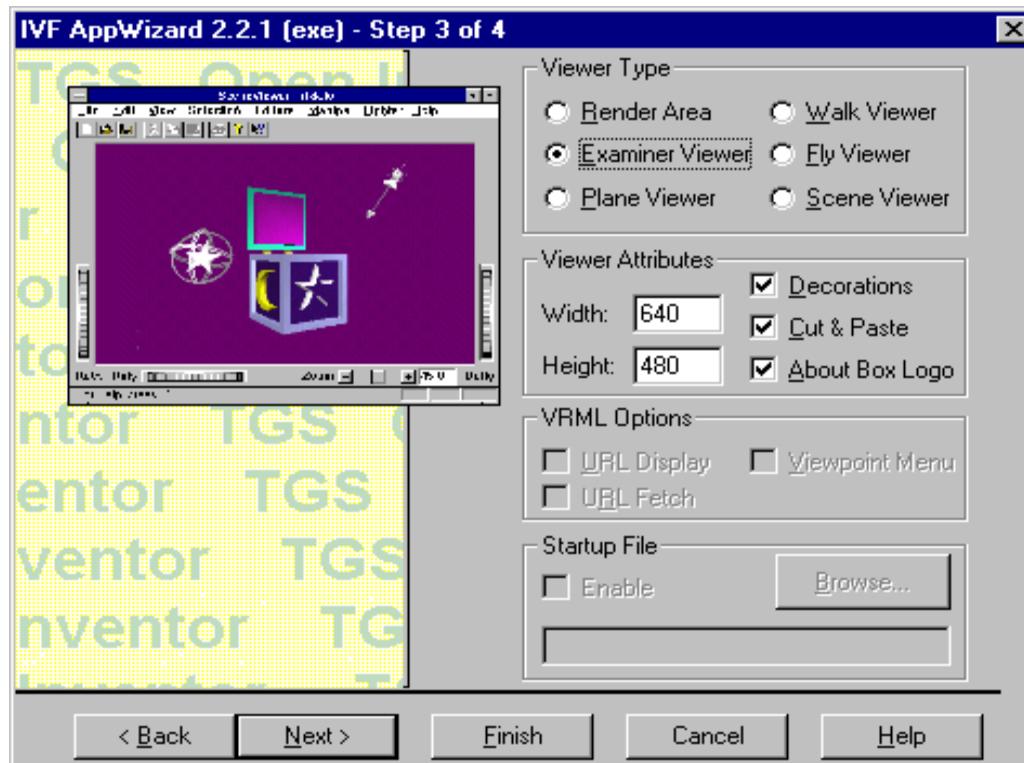
Simple Application with the IVF Wizard (1 of 4)

- Let IVF Wizard help you to write the skeleton of your application.
 - Select a dialog based application.



Simple Application with the IVF Wizard (2 of 4)

- Select the kind of viewer you want to use.
 - Select an examiner viewer.



Simple Application with the IVF Wizard (3 of 4)

- Modify the code to personalize your application.
 - Write a small scene to display

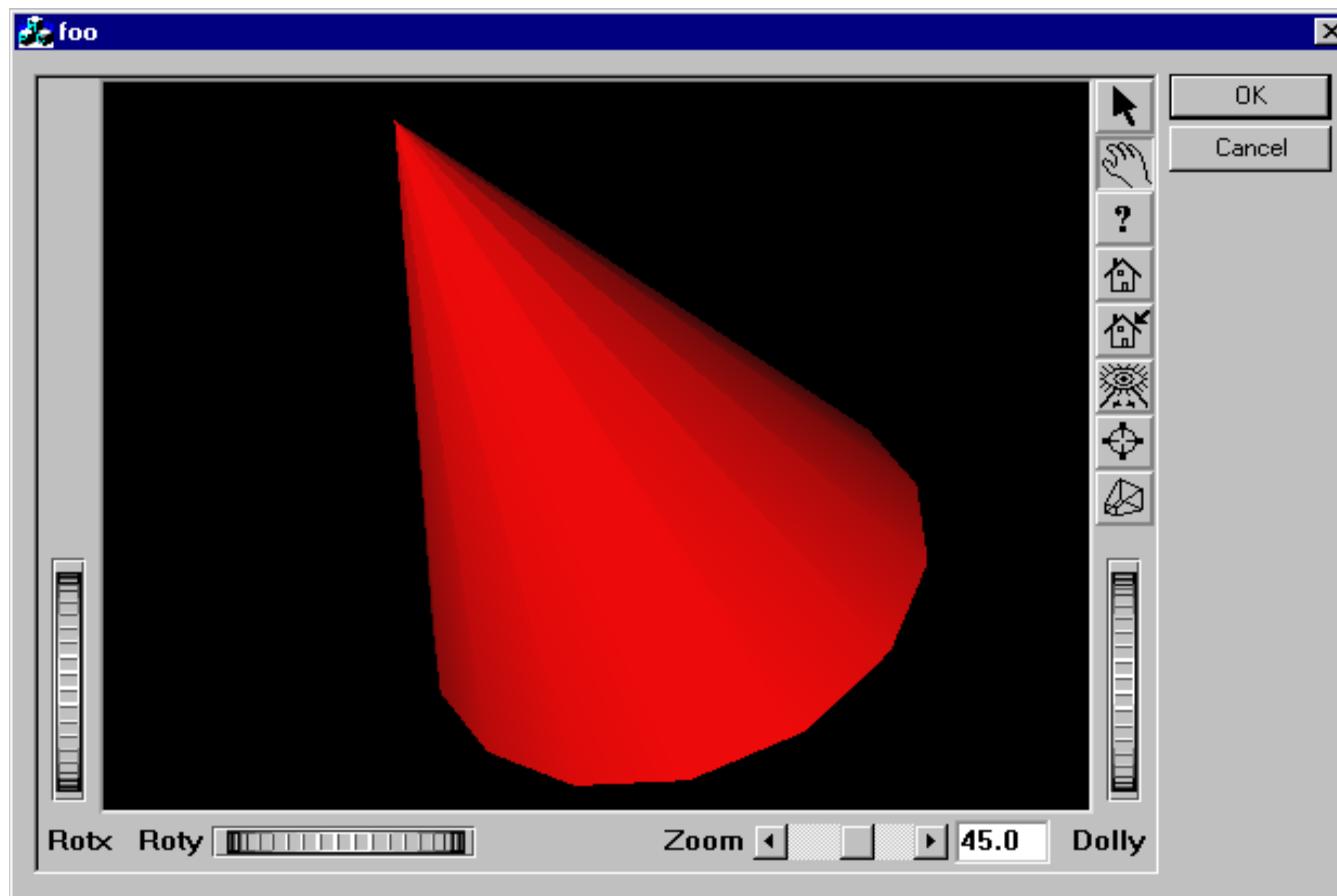
```
...
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoSeparator.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoMaterial.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoCone.h>

...
BOOL CFooDlg::OnInitDialog()
{
    ...
    ...
    // TODO: Add extra initialization here
    SoSeparator* root = new SoSeparator;
    root->ref();
    SoMaterial* mtl = new SoMaterial;
    mtl->diffuseColor.setValue (1, 0, 0);
    root->addChild (mtl);
    SoCone* cone = new SoCone;
    root->addChild (cone);

    IvfSetSceneGraph (root);
    ...
}
```

Simple Application with the IVF Wizard (4 of 4)

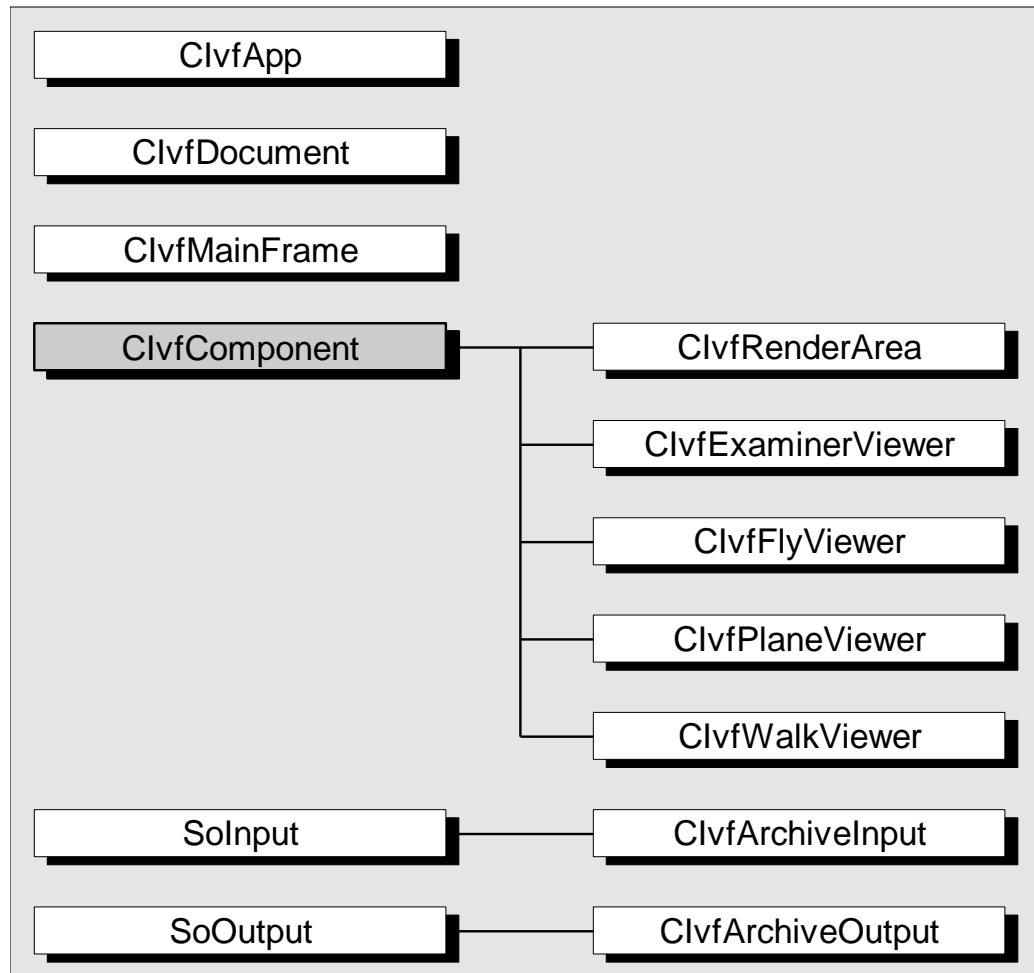
- Your application is ready to run



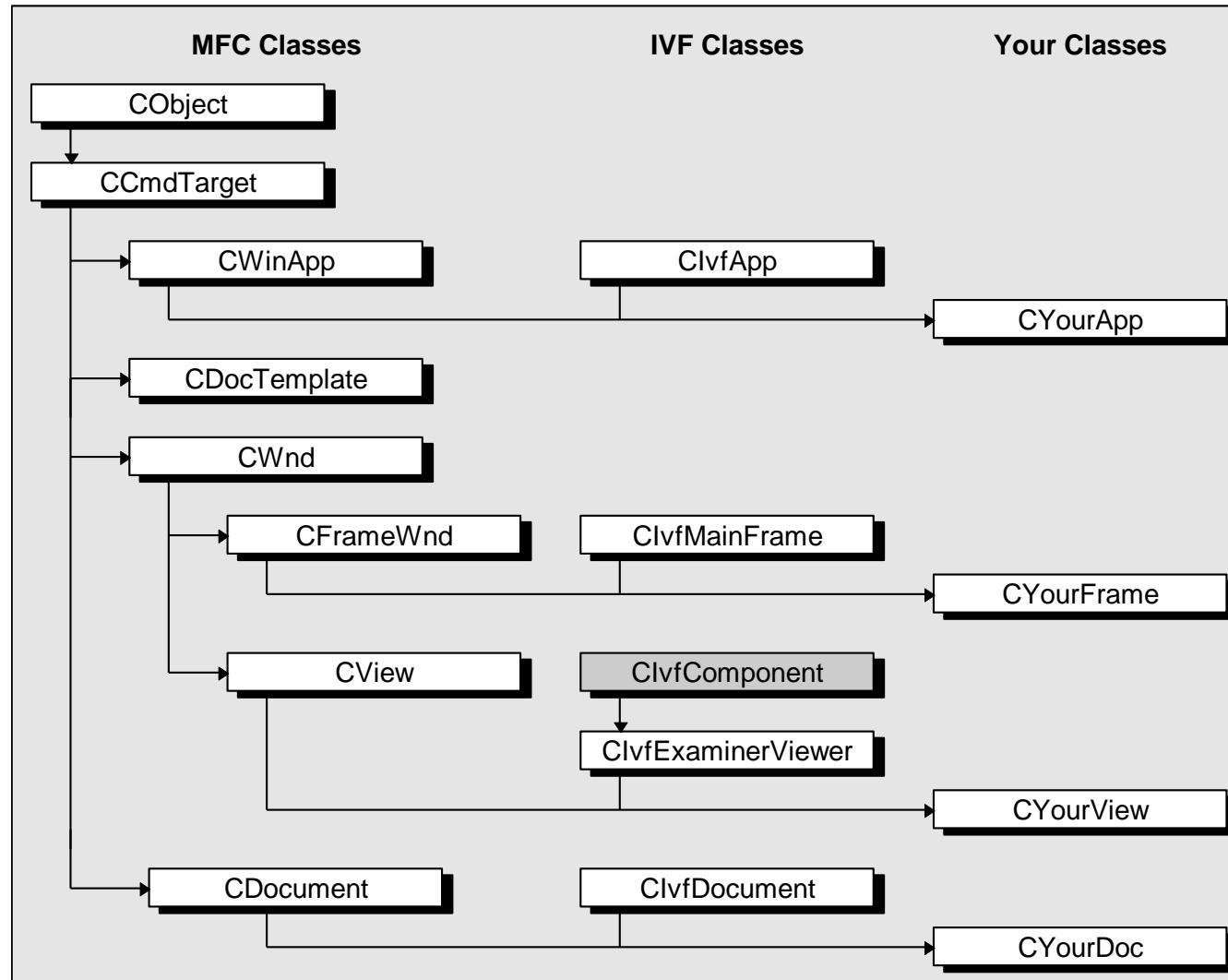
- If the dialog is the main window of the application, IVF wizard build the dialog for you.
- IVF Wizard allow you to make a choice between different kinds of viewers.
- You can add an inventor viewer in a dialog box by yourself:
 - Edit the dialog ressource, and add a *static text* control at the location you want to have your render.
 - Derived publicaly your dialog class from the `lvfViewer` class you want to have.
 - Add the following to the **OnInitDialog** method

```
Cdialog::OnInitDialog  
  
static int cArgs[] = { TRUE,    // Decoration  
                     FALSE,   // Url display  
                     FALSE,   // Viewpoints  
                     FALSE}; // Url fetch  
  
ClvfApp::lvfInitSoWin (this);  
CWnd* pWnd = GetDlgItem (name_of_text_ressource);  
lvfCreateComponent (pWnd, (void*) cArgs);
```

- The IVF library implement a framework similar to the MFC one.
- When you ask IVF wizard to build an application with multi document or single document interface, the documents and view created are derived from Ivf document and views.
- Ivf documents and views act exactly as MFC ones.
- This kind of applications allow you to use many MFC capabilities:
 - Cut and paste between applications,
 - Drag and drop of files on the application,
 - Recent file list saving,
 - etc...



Example of IVF class hierarchy in a SDI application



Example of Doc/View application with IVF

```
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoCone.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoMaterial.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoSeparator.h>

BOOL CHelloConeDoc::OnNewDocument()
{
    if (!CDocument::OnNewDocument())
        return FALSE;

    // BEGIN_IVWGEN
    IvfOnNewDocument();
    // END_IVWGEN

    SoSeparator *root = new SoSeparator;
    root->ref();

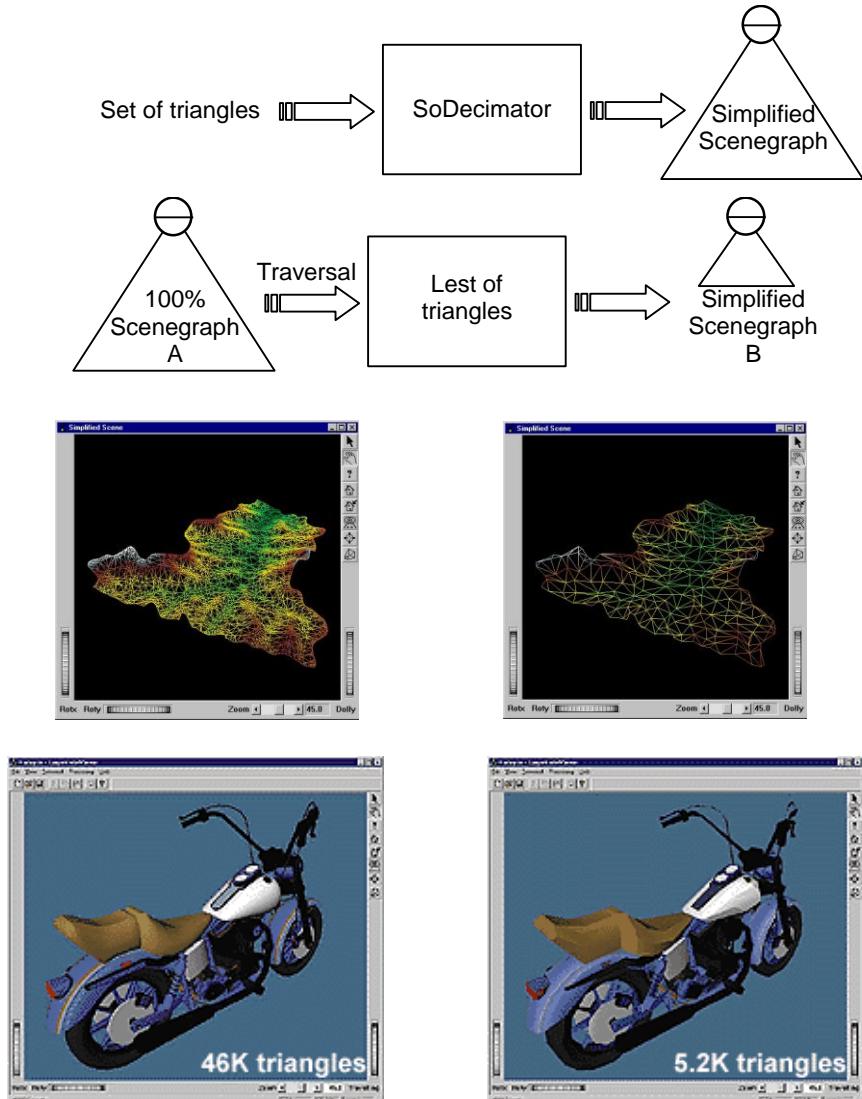
    SoMaterial *myMaterial = new SoMaterial;
    myMaterial->diffuseColor.setValue( 1., 0., 0. ); //Red
    root->addChild( myMaterial );
    root->addChild( new SoCone );

    IvfSetSceneGraph( root );
    root->unref();

    return TRUE;
}
```

Large Models Visualisation

- Level of simplification
 - Automatic decimation
 - Global, shape, reorganize
- Spatial optimization
 - Octree ordering
 - Value ordering
- Adaptive viewing
 - setGoalFramePerSecond



Open Inventor tip

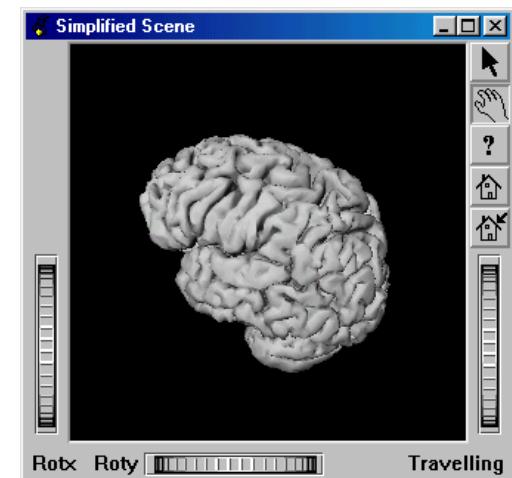
Navigating faster in large scenes

```
SoXtExaminerViewer *myViewer = new SoXtExaminerViewer(myWindow); // open a viewer
SoSeparator *root = SoDB::readAll(&input); // read a VRML or Inventor file

SoGlobalSimplifyAction simplify(new SoDecimator); // global simplification
static float decimation_levels[numLevels] =
    {1.0, 0.80, 0.60, 0.40, 0.20, 0.10, 0.01};
simplify.setSimplificationLevels(numLevels, decimation_levels);
simplify.apply(root);
myViewer->setSceneGraph(root);

// Associate callbacks to the popup menu
myViewer >addStartCallback((SoXtViewerCB*)startViewerCB, (void*) myViewer);
myViewer >addFinishCallback((SoXtViewerCB*)finishViewerCB, NULL);
myViewer ->show();

// During motion, if low resolution is selected, use simplified model
static void startViewerCB (void *userData, SoXtViewer *viewer) {
    if(viewer->getDrawStyle(SoXtViewer::INTERACTIVE) ==
        SoXtViewer::VIEW_LOW_COMPLEXITY )
    {
        viewer->setDecimationStrategy(SoXtViewer::FIXED_PERCENTAGE);
        viewer->setFixedPercentage(0.2);
    }
}
// When the motion stop, switch back to full representation
static void finishViewerCB(void *userData, SoXtViewer *viewer)
{
    if (viewer->getDrawStyle(SoXtViewer::STILL) !=
        SoXtViewer::VIEW_LOW_COMPLEXITY )
        viewer->setDecimationStrategy(SoXtViewer::NORMAL);
}
```



Collision detection samples

→ **SoIntersectionDetectionAction**

```
SoIntersectionDetectionAction::Resp
onIntersection(void *, const SoIntersectingPrimitive *primitive1,
               const SoIntersectingPrimitive *primitive2) {
    printf("%d %s\n",
           primitive1->path->getTail()->getTypeId().getName().getString());
    return SoIntersectionDetectionAction::NEXT_SHAPE;
}
// ...
SoIntersectionDetectionAction action;
action.addIntersectionCallback(onIntersection, NULL);
action.apply(root);
```

→ **SoCollisionManager**

```
SoCollisionManager::Resp onCollision(void *,
                                      const SoCollidingPrimitive*, const SoCollidingPrimitive*)
{
    flashObject();
    return SoCollisionManager::ABORT;
}
// ...
cm = new SoCollisionManager(objectPath, sceneRoot, transformNode);
cm->addCollisionCallback(onCollision);
```

→ **SoCollisionViewer**

```
void onCollision(void *, SoXtCollisionViewer *) {
}
// ...
cv = new SoXtCollisionViewer(my_viewer);
cv->addCallback (onCollision, NULL);
```

- A great set of extension nodes to Open Inventor.
- Includes 4 modules :
 - GraphMaster : 2D/3D drawing and business graphics (2D/3D axis, curves, histograms, pie charts, generalized primitives, legends,...)
 - 3DDataMaster : scientific visualization (2D/3D meshes : contouring, cross sections, level surface, skeleton, skin, stream lines, probes, legends,...)
 - HardCopy/PlotMaster : vector printing (PostScript, HPGL, CGM, WMF, EMF, GDI).
 - DialogMaster : new user interface components available on Unix and Windows.
- All DatViz visualization nodes are nodekits with Inventor fields. Nodekit catalogs allow the user to set the appearance of a part of the node kit (for instance, setting the color of the arrow of an axis).

- Visualization classes depends on property classes (for their appearance, data retrieval...).
- There are two ways to define these properties :
 - Using Pbxxx classes. Pbxxx classes are not stored in the scene graph. Visualization classes have methods with a Pbxxx class as argument to refer to their properties.
 - Using property nodes. These nodes are stored in the scene graph and their use is similar to Open Inventor property nodes (SoMaterial, SoDrawStyle,...)

```
// Using Pbxxx classes
```

```
PbMiscTextAttr textAttr;  
textAttr.setFontName("Courier");  
  
PoAngularAxis *myAxis = new PoAngularAxis(.5,.0,2.5,1.,.0);  
myAxis->setMiscTextAttr(&textAttr);
```

```
// Using property nodes
```

```
PoMiscTextAttr *textAttr = new PoMiscTextAttr;  
textAttr->fontName = "Courier";  
  
SoGroup *axisGroup = new SoGroup ;  
PoAngularAxis *myAxis = new PoAngularAxis(.5,.0,2.5,1.,.0);  
  
axisGroup->addChild(textAttr) ;  
axisGroup->addChild(myAxis) ;
```

- Visualization classes depends on property classes (for their appearance, data retrieval...).
- Instance of property class are nodes stored in the scene graph and their use is similar to Open Inventor property nodes (SoMaterial, SoDrawStyle,...)
- Package com.tgs.dataviz.nodes

```
PoMiscTextAttr textAttr = new PoMiscTextAttr();
textAttr.fontName.setValue("Courier");

SoGroup axisGroup = new SoGroup() ;
PoAngularAxis myAxis = new PoAngularAxis();

axisGroup.addChild(textAttr) ;
axisGroup.addChild(myAxis) ;
```

C++ only

- **"Pb" property basic types classes**
 - **PbBase**
 - PbDomain
 - PbNumericDisplayFormat
 - PbIsovaluesList
 - **PbDataMapping**
 - PbLinearDataMapping
 - PbNonLinearDataMapping
 - PbNonLinearDataMapping2
 - PbDateFormatMapping
 - PbMiscTextAttr
- Remark: Abstract classes appear in bold.

C++ and

Java property classes

- **PoNode**
 - **PoDataMapping**
 - PoLinearDataMapping
 - PoNonLinearDataMapping
 - PoNonLinearDataMapping2
 - PoDateFormatMapping
 - PoDomain
 - PoIsovaluesList
 - PoIsovaluesList
 - PoMiscTextAttr
 - PoNumericDisplayFormat

Remark: Abstract classes appear in bold.

- The domain usually defines the data coordinate limits of graphics to be generated. Graph Master & 3D Data Master do not compute these limits, so this class defines them.
- In conceptual terms, a 2D domain (3D domain) is the smallest rectangle (parallelepiped) capable of containing the data for the image to be generated. The sides of this rectangle (parallelepiped) are parallel to the axis. Furthermore all Graph Master & 3D Data Master nodekits classes may be transformed according to the domain which they depend on.
- Some node fields are defined using the domain coordinates, for instance, the text height of axes or the arrow width at the end of an axis are defined as a percentage of the domain.

- GraphMaster and 3DDataMaster visualization classes are implemented using the Open Inventor **node kit** facility, that is they all derive from the node kit base class **SoBaseKit**. This means that each new DataViz node is a **collection** of Open Inventor **nodes**.
- Each DataViz node kit are described by a node kit catalog. The user can access these parts to change the appearance of a node or the appearance of a part of the node kit.
- Each DataViz node kit has also **fields** to be **configured**.

C++

Java

```
PoRectangle *myRectangle = new PoRectangle;  
myRectangle->p.setValue(0.,0.);  
myRectangle->q.setValue(10.,20.);  
myRectangle->set("appearance.drawStyle", "style FILLED");  
myRectangle->set("appearance.material", "transparency 0.9");  
myRectangle->set("appearance.material", "diffuseColor 1 0  
0");
```

```
PoRectangle myRectangle = new PoRectangle();  
myRectangle.p.setValue(0,0);  
myRectangle.q.setValue(10,20);  
myRectangle.set("appearance.drawStyle", "style FILLED");  
myRectangle.set("appearance.material", "transparency 0.9");  
myRectangle.set("appearance.material", "diffuseColor 1 0 0");
```

GraphMaster classe tree (1)

2D generalized primitives classes

- PoBase**
 - PoGraphMaster**
 - PoRectangle
 - PoParallelogram
 - PoCircle**
 - PoCircleCenterRadius
 - PoCircleThreePoints
 - PoCircleArc**
 - PoCircleArcCtrPtAngle
 - PoCircleArcCtrTwoPts
 - PoCircleArcThreePts
 - PoCircleArcCtrRadTwoAngle
 - PoArrow
 - PoCurve
 - PoLabelField
 - PoValuedMarkerField
 - PoErrorCurve
 - PoErrorPointField
 - PoBiErrorPointField
 - PoHighLowClose

Remark: Abstract classes appear in bold.

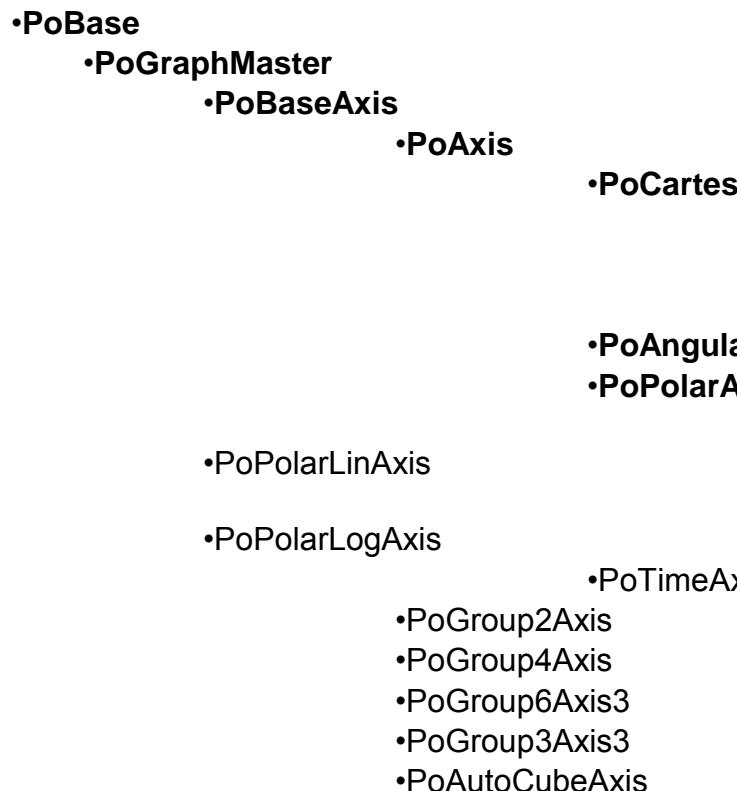
3D generalized primitives classes

- PoBase**
 - PoGraphMaster**
 - PoParallelogram3
 - PoCircle3**
 - PoCircle3CenterRadius
 - PoCircle3ThreePoints
 - PoCircleArc3**
 - PoCircleArc3CtrPtAngle
 - PoCircleArc3CtrTwoPts
 - PoCircleArc3ThreePts
 - PoArrow3
 - PoCurve3
 - PoCoordinateSystemAxis
 - PoPointsFieldBars

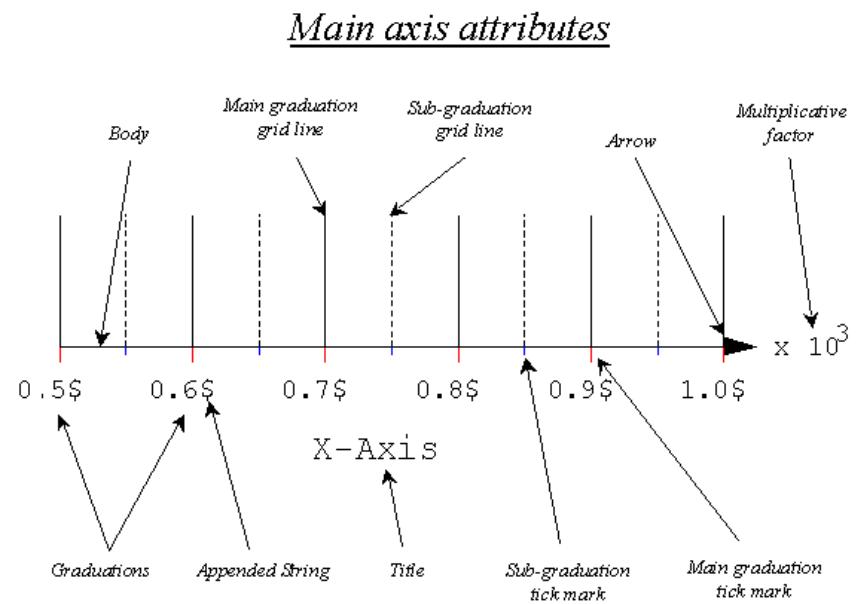
Remark: Abstract classes appear in bold.

GraphMaster classe tree (2)

Axis classes



Remark: Abstract classes appear in bold.



Remark : Linear axis (PoLinearAxis) from 500 to 1000 in the plane XY

GraphMaster classe tree (3)

Legend classes

- PoBase
 - PoGraphMaster
 - PoLegend
 - PoItemLegend
 - PoValueLegend
 - PoAutoValueLegend
 - PoLinearValueLegend
 - PoNonLinearValueLegend1
 - PoNonLinearValueLegend2

Pie chart classes

Remark: Abstract classes appear in bold.

- PoBase
 - PoGraphMaster
 - PoPieChart
 - PoPieChart2D
 - PoPieChart3D

Remark: Abstract classes appear in bold.

Histogram classes

- PoBase
 - PoGraphMaster
 - PoHistogram
 - PoSingleHistogram
 - PoMultipleHistogram

Remark: Abstract classes appear in bold.

A GraphMaster example

```
#include <Inventor/Xt/SoXt.h>
#include <Inventor/Xt/viewers/SoXtPlaneViewer.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoSeparator.h>
#include <graph/PoCurve.h>
#include <graph/PoLinearAxis.h>
# include <graph/PbDomain.h>
# include <nodes/PoDomain.h>

#define PI 3.1415
#define N_PT 50

int
main(int , char **argv) {
    // Initialize Inventor and Xt
    Widget myWindow = SoXt::init(argv[0]) ;
    if (myWindow == NULL) exit(1) ;

    // Initialize DataViz
    PoBase::init() ;

    // Create the curve
    PoCurve *myCurve = new PoCurve;
    SbVec2f points[N_PT];
    double ang;
    int i;
    for (i=0, ang=0.; i < N_PT; i++, ang += 4.*PI/(double)N_PT)
        points[i].setValue(ang, 6. * sin(ang));
    myCurve->point.setValues(0,N_PT,points);
    myCurve->set("curvePointApp.material", "diffuseColor [1 0 0]");
}
```

```
// Create simple automatic X and Y linear axis
PoLinearAxis *myXAxis = new PoLinearAxis;
myXAxis->start.setValue(SbVec3f(0.,0.,0.));
myXAxis->end = 4.*PI;
myXAxis->type = PoCartesianAxis::XY;
myXAxis->set("appearance.material", "diffuseColor 0 0 0") ;
PoLinearAxis *myYAxis = new PoLinearAxis;
myYAxis->start.setValue(SbVec3f(0.,-6.,0.));
myYAxis->end = 6.;
myYAxis->type = PoCartesianAxis::YX;
myYAxis->set("appearance.material", "diffuseColor 0 0 0") ;

// Define domain
PoDomain *myDom = new PoDomain;
myDom->min = SbVec3f(0,-6,0);
myDom->max = SbVec3f(4.*PI,6.,0);

// Create the root of the scene graph
SoSeparator *root = new SoSeparator;
root->ref() ;
root->addChild(myDom);
root->addChild(myXAxis);
root->addChild(myYAxis);
root->addChild(myCurve);

SoXtPlaneViewer *viewer = new SoXtPlaneViewer(myWindow);
viewer->setSceneGraph(root);
viewer->show();

SoXt::show(myWindow);
SoXt::mainLoop();
}
```

A GraphMaster example

```

import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;

public class AxisExample {
    private static final int NUM_POINTS = 50;

    public AxisExample() {
        // Create the root of the scene graph
        SoAnnotation root = new SoAnnotation();

        // Create the curve
        PoCurve myCurve = new PoCurve();
        SbVec2f[] points = new SbVec2f[NUM_POINTS];
        double ang;
        int i;
        for(i=0, ang=0; i<NUM_POINTS; i++, ang += 4*Math.PI/(double)NUM_POINTS)
            points[i]= new SbVec2f((float)ang, (float)(6 * Math.sin(ang)));
        myCurve.point.setValues(0, points);
        myCurve.set("curvePointApp.material", "diffuseColor [1 0 0]");

        // Create simple automatic X and Y linear axis
        PoLinearAxis myXAxis = new PoLinearAxis();
        myXAxis.start.setValue(new SbVec3f(0, 0, 0));
        myXAxis.end.setValue((float)(4*Math.PI));
        myXAxis.type.setValue(PoCartesianAxis.XY);
        myXAxis.set("appearance.material", "diffuseColor 0 1 0") ;

        PoLinearAxis myYAxis = new PoLinearAxis();
        myYAxis.start.setValue(new SbVec3f(0, -6, 0));
        myYAxis.end.setValue(6);
        myYAxis.type.setValue(PoCartesianAxis.YX);
        myYAxis.set("appearance.material", "diffuseColor 0 1 0") ;
    }
}

```

```

// Do not forget to set the domain if you want
// default parameters to be correct...
PoDomain myDom = new PoDomain();
myDom.min.setValue(new SbVec3f(0,-6,0));
myDom.max.setValue(new SbVec3f((float)(4*Math.PI), 6, 0));

root.addChild(myDom);
root.addChild(myXAxis);
root.addChild(myYAxis);
root.addChild(myCurve);

SwSimpleViewer viewer = new
SwSimpleViewer(SwSimpleViewer.PLANE) ;
viewer.setSceneGraph(root) ;

WindowListener l = new WindowAdapter() {
    public void windowClosing(WindowEvent e) {
        System.exit(0);
    }
};

Frame f = new Frame("AxisExample1") ;
f.addWindowListener(l);
f.add(viewer) ;
f.pack() ;
f.setVisible(true) ;

}

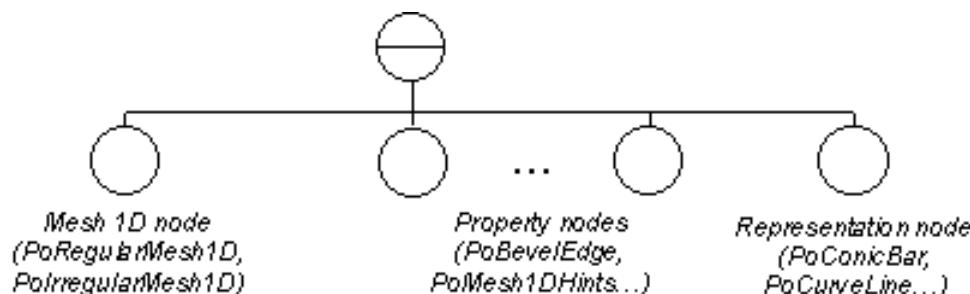
public static void main(String[] argv) {
    new AxisExample() ;
}
}

```

GraphMaster has three categories of nodes:

- **Data storage nodes:** [PoIrregularMesh1D](#) or [PoRegularMesh1D](#)
- **Property nodes:** specify the appearance of the representations nodes.
- **Representation nodes:** inherited from [PoChart](#), to draw curve, histogram, tubes, ribbons,...

A classical scene graph using these nodes looks like the following:



one dimensional meshes store data for charting representations

Contains geometry : a list of coordinates defined by **setGeometry** method

PoIrregularMesh1D: any list of coordinates.

PoRegularMesh1D : constant gap between two consecutive coord.

Contains a list of scalar data sets. A scalar set can be use as Y-coordinates or for coloration

Defined by **addValuesSet(int index, float[] scalars)**

The scalar set used by a representation node is defined by

PoChart.**yValuesIndex** and PoChart.**colorValuesIndex**

Contains a list of scalar string sets. Use by representation with labels such as
PoPieChartRep

Defined by **addStringsSet(int index, String[] strings)**

Select a string set with the field **stringsIndex** in **PoLabel** and **PoPieChartRep**

- [PoBevelEdge](#)

defines the current values to bevel edges of subsequent DataViz representations inheriting from [PoChart](#).

- [PoMesh1DFilter](#)

Filter nodes used for selecting particular points from the 1D mesh geometry ([PoIrregularMesh1D](#) or [PoRegularMesh1D](#)). Only these points are used by subsequent representations inheriting from [PoChart](#) in a scene graph.

Derived classes :

[PoCoordinateListFilter](#): fields [coord](#) (SoMFFloat), [axis](#) (SoSFEnum)

[PoIndexListFilter](#): field [index](#) (SoMFInt)

[PoPeriodFilter](#) : field [period](#) (SoSFFloat), [axis](#) (SoSFEnum)

[PoPeriodIndexFilter](#) : field [period](#) (SoSFInt)

PoMesh1DHints

This nodes contains a single field SoSFEnum [geomInterpretation](#) that defines the way to connect to consecutive points of the 1D mesh.

Example: AS_IS (polygonal), SMOOTH, HISTO_X, ...

The representations inherited from [PoChart](#) use these hints for their computation.

PoProfile

A profile specifies a 2D polygon which is used by some charting representations to build their geometry. For instance, for the tube curve representation [PoTube](#), the current profile is used to determine the profile of the tube.

Derived classes

[PoCircularProfile](#) **Defines a circular profile.**

[PoEllipticProfile](#) **defines an elliptic profile.**

[PoSquareProfile](#) **Defines a square profile.**

[PoProfileCoordinate2](#) **Defines a 2D polygonal profile.**

PoLabelHints

Defines the current hints for subsequent representations inheriting from [PoChart](#) that display labels.

Field SoSFString [addString](#)

Defines a string to concat to the label to display.

Field SoSFBool [isLabelLineVisible](#)

visibility of a line from the label and the part to be annotated

Field SoSFEnum [justification](#)

Defines the justification used to display label.

Field SoSFEnum [labelPath](#)

Defines the path used to display label.

All classes inherited from PoChart (< ... SoBaseKit) that draw pie-chart, curve, histogram bar ... according to the data in the current mesh1D node.

The base class PoChart contains the fields

SoSFEnum [colorBinding](#)

specifies how the colors are bound to the representation:

- INHERITED: The entire representation is colored with the same inherited color.
- PER_VERTEX: Each vertex of the representation is colored with a different color
- PER_PART: Each part of the representation is colored with a different color

SoSFInt(32) [colorValuesIndex](#)

index of the set of scalar values used for coloring (if the field [material](#) is null)

SoSFNode [material](#)

Defines a list of materials used for the coloring (overrides the field [colorValuesIndex](#))

SoSFInt [yValuesIndex](#) specifies the index of the set of values of the current 1D mesh used as the y-coordinates of each mesh node.

- SoSFInt **thicknessIndex**
 - index of the set of values used to specify the thickness.
- SoSFEenum **thicknessBinding**
 - PER_PART_THICKNESS, or PER_VERTEX_THICKNESS
- SoSFFloat **thicknessFactor**
 - multiplicative factor applied to the thickness values

SoSFEenum orientation

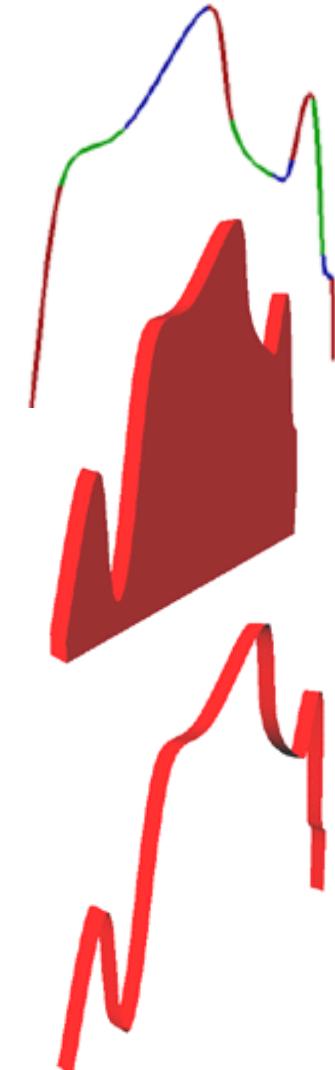
HORIZONTAL or VERTICAL

SoSFFloat threshold

SoSFFloat width

PoRibbon

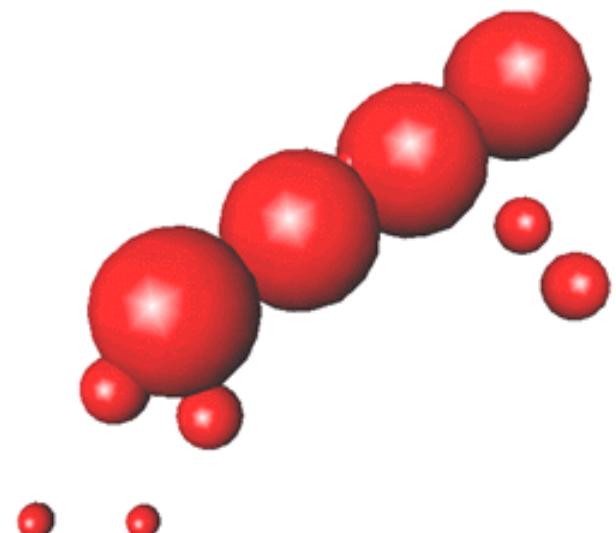
SoSFFloat width



- The shape of the profile is given by the current profile ([PoProfile](#) and its derived nodes).



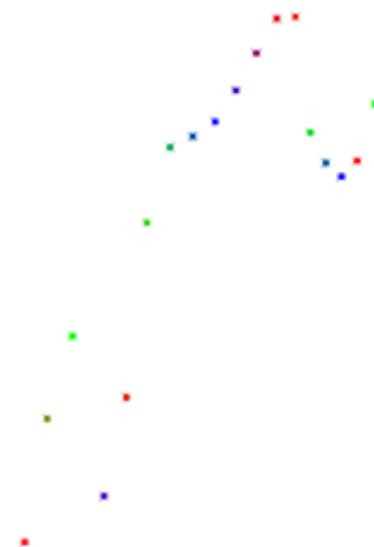
- marker field representation where each marker defined by a sub-scene graph.
- **SoMFNode** markers
- **SoMFVec3f** scaleFactor
SoSFInt sizeValuesIndex
 - Defines the index of the set of values used to specify the size of markers.
- **SoSFInt** zValuesIndex
 - specify a z-coordinate for markers



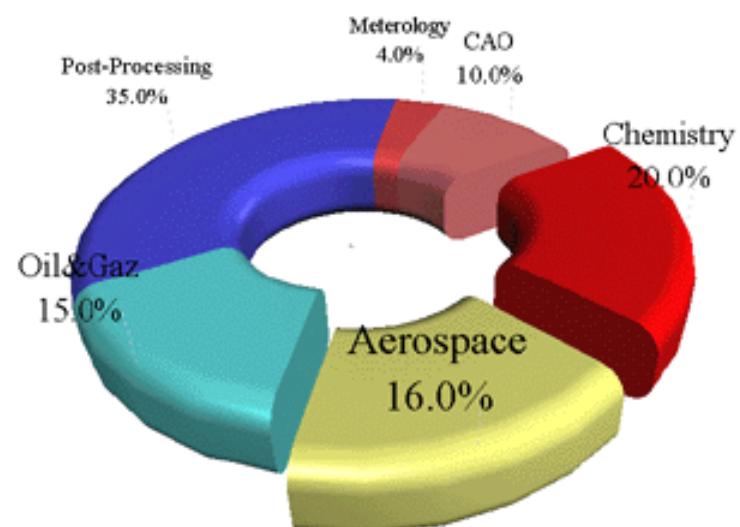
Builds a 2D label field on 1D mesh

- SoSFFloat [fontSize](#)
- SoSFEenum [axis](#)
- SoMFVec3f [offset](#)
- SoSFEenum [position](#)
VALUE_POS,
MIDDLE_POS,
THRESHOLD_POS
- SoSFInt [stringsIndex](#)
- SoSFFloat [threshold](#)
- SoSFBitMask [valueType](#) :
 - VALUE : The values displayed correspond to the mesh coordinate
 - NAME : The values displayed correspond to the names associated to the strings-set (see stringsIndex)

- Builds a 2D scatter on 1D mesh. A scatter representation is a bitmap marker field (indeed SoMarkerSet shape is used for this representation)
- SoMFInt [markerIndex](#) type of marker used (see SoMarkerSet). If the number of indices is inferior to the number of markers, they are cyclically used
- SoSFInt32 [zValuesIndex](#)
 - Defines the index of the set of values used to specify a z-coordinate for markers

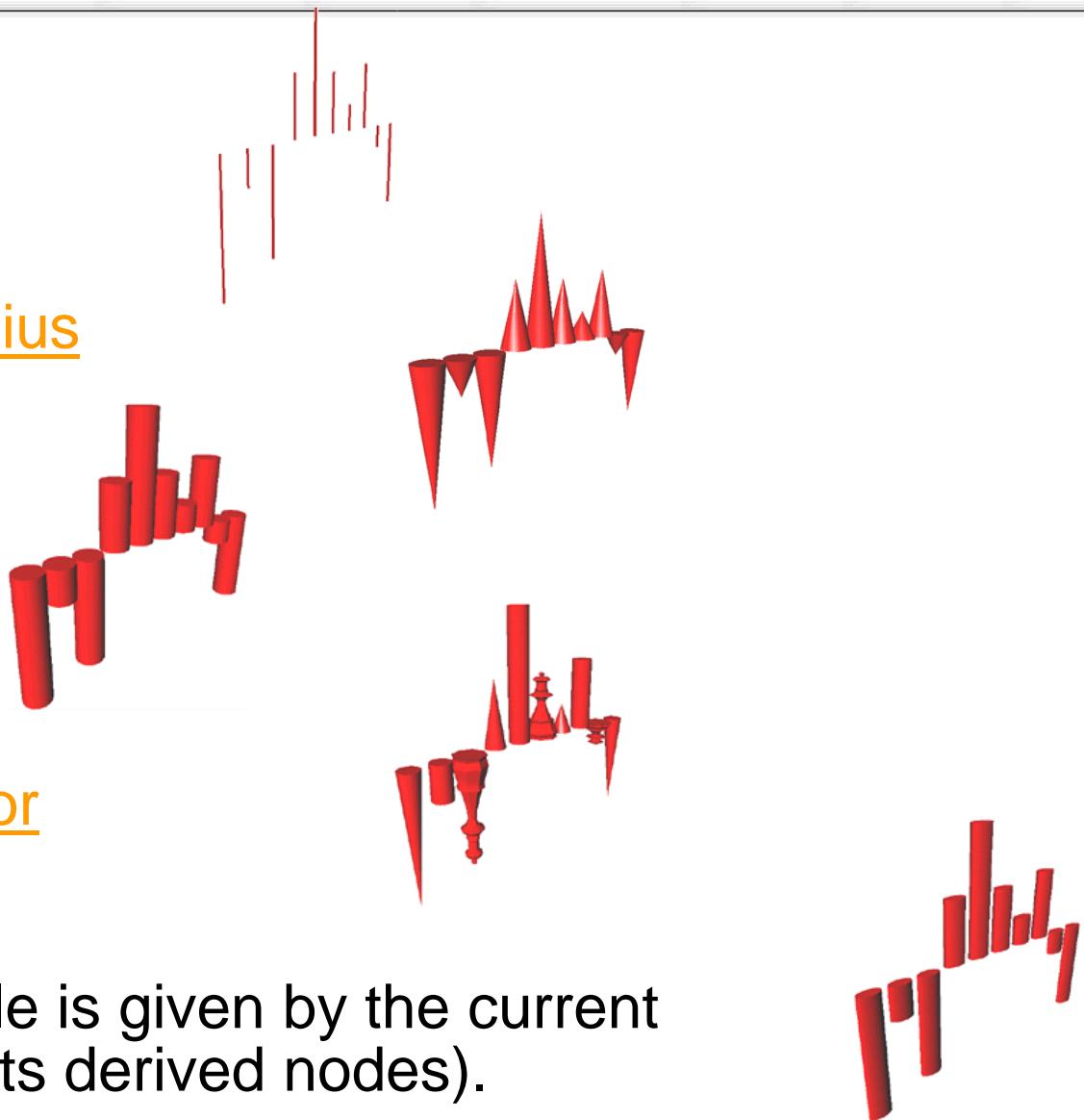


- SoSFFloat [annoDistToCenter](#)
- SoSFFloat [annoFontSize](#)
- SoSFFloat [annoHeightFromSlice](#)
- SoSFFloat [height](#)
- SoSFBool [isAnnoSliceColor](#)
- SoSFBool [isNameVisible](#)
- SoSFBool [isPercentageVisible](#)
- SoSFBool [isValueVisible](#)
- SoSFFloat [radiusMax](#)
- SoSFFloat [radiusMin](#)
- SoMFShort [sliceToTranslateNumber](#)
- SoMFFloat [sliceToTranslateRadius](#)
- SoSFIInt [stringsIndex](#)



- Abstract base class for building bars on 1D mesh
 - The abscissas of the bars are given by the geometry of the current mesh 1D, and the height are given by one of the value-set of the current mesh 1D specified by the field `yValuesIndex`.
- SoSEEnum orientation
 - Defines the orientation of the bars.
HORIZONTAL or VERTICAL
- SoSFFloat threshold
 - Defines the origin of the bars

- No new field
- SoSFFloat bottomRadius
- SoSFFloat radius
- SoMFNode bars
SoSFVec3f scaleFactor
- The shape of the profile is given by the current profile (PoProfile and its derived nodes).



- **SoOffscreenRenderer** is a powerful tool for generating bitmap images of Open Inventor scene. The bitmap image can be written out to a file or reused within application as asn image or texture map.
- **SoOffscreenRenderer** can write file with the following format
 - SGI's "rgb"
 - Encapsulated PostScript
 - TIFF
 - JPEG
 - BMP (windows)

```
SbViewportRegion myViewport = new SbViewportRegion();
myViewport.setWindowSize(new SbVec2s((short)100,(short)100));
// Render the scene
SoOffscreenRenderer myRenderer = new
SoOffscreenRenderer(myViewport);
myRenderer.setBackgroundColor(new SbColor(.6f, .7f, .9f));
myRenderer.render(root);
try {
    FILE myFile = new FILE("output", "w");
    myRenderer.writeToBMP(myFile);    //
myRenderer.writeToPostScript(myFile);
} catch (Exception exc) {
}
```

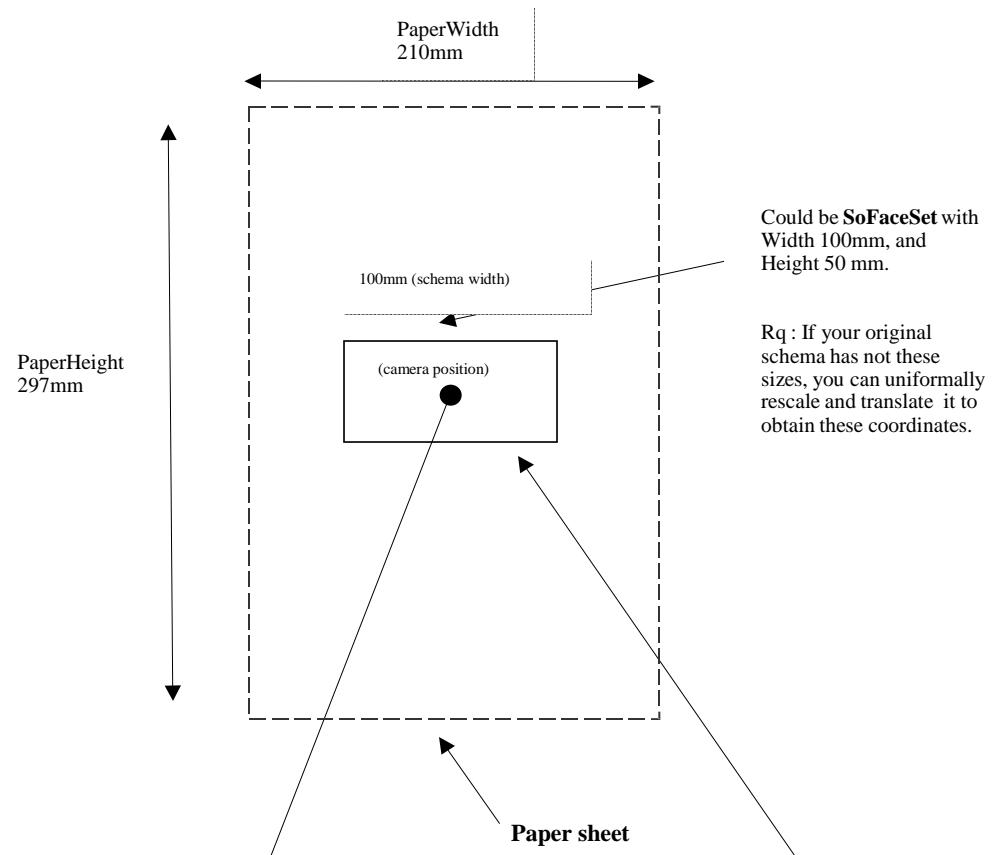
- Plot Master provide new actions that allow you to render your scene graph or part of scene graph using vector PostScript, HPGL, CGM, (and GDI on windows)
- You cannot use these actions for rendering realistic 3D scene with smooth shading and textures. Use them to render resolution independent output when your scene is 2D or 3D with wire frame or flat shaded rendering.

```
// Create and apply the PostScript action.  
SoVectorizePSAction vecAct = new SoVectorizePSAction();  
vecAct.setDrawingDimensions(80, 80);  
  
vecAct.getOutput().openFile("VectorOutput.ps");  
vecAct.apply(root);  
vecAct.getOutput().closeFile();
```

Printing in metric with CGM (or Postscript)

The following are some advises to realize a printing in metric with CGM (or Postscript, HPGL, GDI) :

- Work in printing coordinates
- Configure the camera to the size of the paper. For 2D schema use SoOrthographicCamera with viewport mapping set to LEAVE_ALONE (in order to prevent from deformations).



The **camera** parameters must be :
`camera.position = (PaperWidth/2, PaperHeight/2, 1)`
`camera.height = PaperHeight`
`camera.aspectRatio = PaperWidth / PaperHeight`
`camera.viewportMapping = LEAVE_ALONE`

Schema built with
OIV shapes

- Metric vector output (Java Example)

```
import com.tgs.inventor.nodes.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.*;

import com.tgs.dataviz.plot.*;

class PrintPSMetric {
    public static final boolean PORTRAIT = false;

    public static void main(String[] argv) {

        SoSeparator root = new SoSeparator();

        SoOrthographicCamera camera = new SoOrthographicCamera();
        root.addChild(camera);

        float PaperWidth;
        float PaperHeight;

        if (PORTRAIT) {
            PaperWidth = 210;
            PaperHeight = 297;
        } else {
            PaperWidth = 297;
            PaperHeight = 210;
        }
        camera.height.setValue(PaperHeight);
        camera.aspectRatio.setValue(PaperWidth/PaperHeight);
        camera.position.setValue(new SbVec3f(PaperWidth/2, PaperHeight/2, 1)) ; // Center of the sheet
        camera.viewportMapping.setValue(SoOrthographicCamera.LEAVE_ALONE);
    }
}
```

```
// Rectangle 100mm x 50mm center in the sheet
SbVec3f[] rectCoords = new SbVec3f[4];
for (int i=0; i<4; i++) rectCoords[i] = new SbVec3f();
SbVec3f rectWidth = new SbVec3f(100,0,0);
SbVec3f rectHeight = new SbVec3f(0,50,0);

rectCoords[0].setValue(PaperWidth/2 -100/2, PaperHeight/2 -50/2, 0);
rectCoords[1].setSum(rectCoords[0],rectHeight);
rectCoords[2].setSum(rectCoords[1],rectWidth);
rectCoords[3].setDiff(rectCoords[2],rectHeight);

SoCoordinate3 coord3 = new SoCoordinate3();
coord3.point.setValues(0, rectCoords);

SoLightModel IModel = new SoLightModel();
IModel.model.setValue(SoLightModel.BASE_COLOR);

root.addChild(IModel);
root.addChild(coord3);
root.addChild(new SoFaceSet());

SoVectorizePSAction psAction = new SoVectorizePSAction();
psAction.getOutput().openFile("myFile.ps");
psAction.setDrawingDimensions(new SbVec2f(PaperWidth, PaperHeight));
if (PORTRAIT)
    psAction.setOrientation(SoVectorizePSAction.PORTRAIT) ;
else
    psAction.setOrientation(SoVectorizePSAction.LANDSCAPE) ;
psAction.apply(root) ;
psAction.getOutput().closeFile() ;

...
}
```

3DdataMaster defines new extension nodes to OpenInventor for the developpement of scientific visualization.

3DdataMaster provides a powerful set of easy-to-use nodes to transform your data meshes into very understandable graphics visualization

2 sets of new nodes

C++

Msuite/include/3Ddata
Msuite/include/nodes

Java

com.tgs.dataviz.mesh
com.tgs. dataviz.nodes

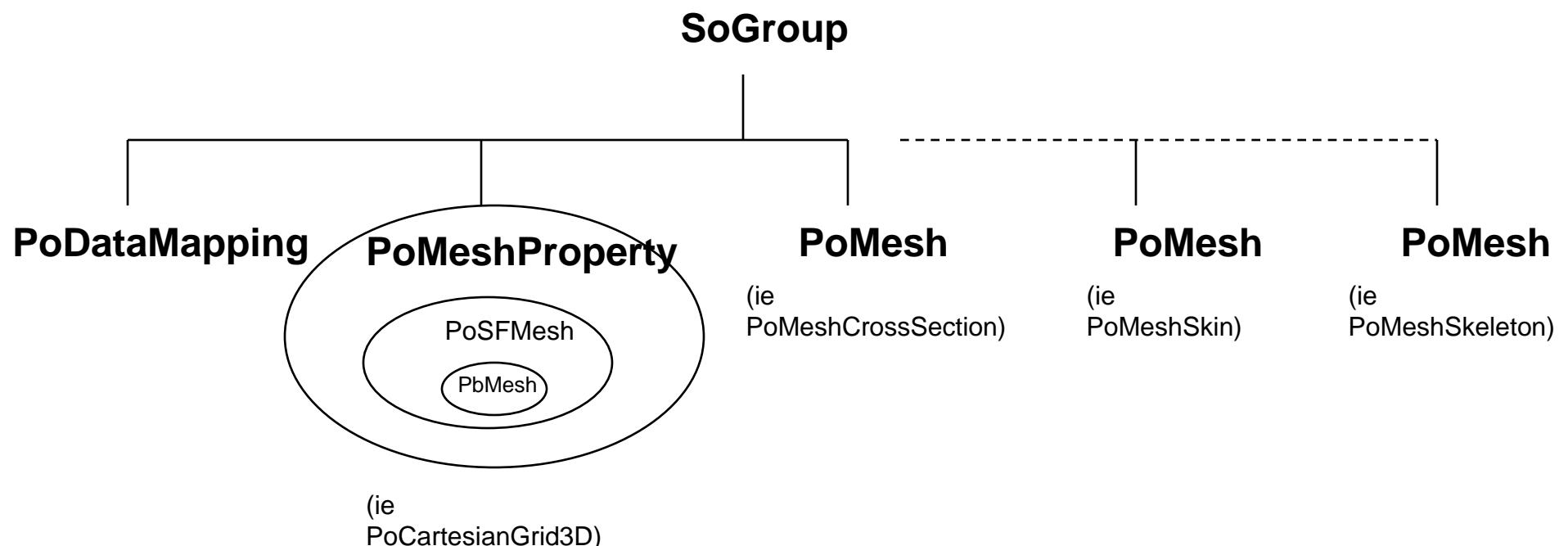
Msuite/include/nodes | com.tgs.dataviz.nodes

Contains new property nodes (PoMeshProperty) that defines mesh data in the scene graph

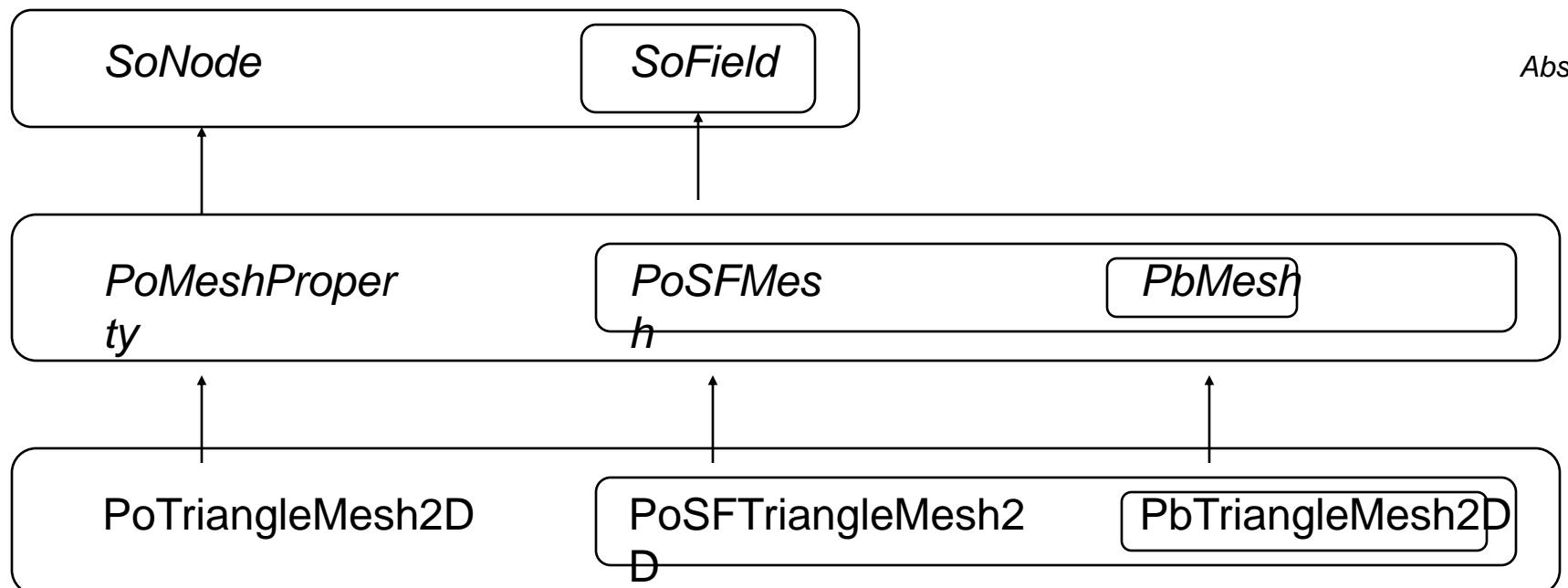
A property mesh node encapsulates a specific inventor field (PoSFMesh), itself containing a basic mesh object (PbMesh)

Msuite/include/3Ddata | com.tgs.dataviz.mesh

Contains new visualization-shape nodes (PoMesh) that builds a graphic representation of the inherited mesh node.



All Open Inventor nodes describing a mesh are inherited from the class PoMeshProperty. They contain only one public field. Like any other field of a scene graph, it is an instance of a class inherited from SoField. These typical fields contain a single basic mesh object instance of PbMesh.



Any mesh object (inherited from PbMesh) defines ...

A topology

Regular

or irregular (unstructured)

It is defined by the chosen class and by the setGeometry method

A geometry

a list of geometry nodes

or a list of coordinates

The geometry is defined by the setGeometry method. Specific binding for each derived class of PbMesh

A list of data sets (optional)

scalar data set : PbMesh.addValueSet(int index, float val[], String setName)

vector data set : PbMesh.addVecsSet(int index, SbVec3f vec[], String setName)

string data set : PbMesh.addStringsSet(int index, String str[], String setName)

The size of a data set must be the number of nodes in the mesh : data are localized at node.

The PbMesh class provides a lot of useful inquire methods
As ex :

int	getNumNodes()
int	getNumCells()
float	getMaxValuesSet(int setIndex)
SbVec3f	getNodeCoord(int nodeIndex)
PbCell	getCell(int cellIndex)
SbBox3f	getBiggestCellBox()
SbBox3f	getBoundingBox()
PbArrayOfInt	getAdjacentCellsByNode(int cellIndex)
PbCell	findContainingCell(SbVec3f point, float tolerance)

Some mesh methods (2)

Some of these methods are also available in PoMeshProperty (or derived)

PbMes getMesh()
h

void addValuesSet(int index, float [] val, String name)

void addVecsSet(int index, String [] val, String name)

void setGeometry(...) in derived class

they are only shortcut to the same one in PbMesh class.

PoMeshProperty.addValuesSet is equivalent to
PoMeshProperty.getMesh().addValuesSet and to
PoMeshProperty.mesh.addValuesSet

Mesh are surface or volume

Mesh can be structured or not

PbMesh2D is the base class of 2D or 3D surfaces

PbGrid2D is the abstract base class of structured surfaces

PbIndexedMesh2D is the base class of unstructured surfaces

PbMesh3D is the base class of 3D volumes

PbGrid3D is the abstract base class of structured volumes

PbIndexedMesh3D is the base class of unstructured volumes

The visualization performances depends on the mesh topology.

The quickest mesh to visualize are regular grid.

"Pb" property basic types classes

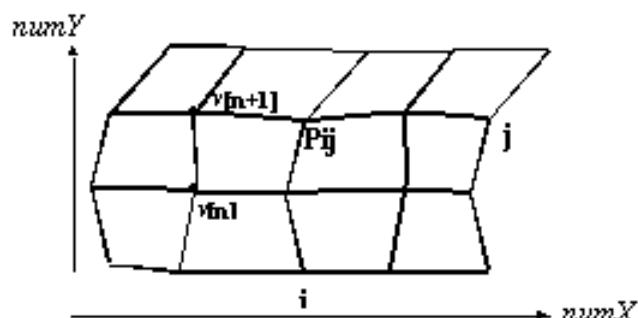
- **PbMesh**
 - **PbMesh2D**
 - **PbGrid2D**
 - PbRegularCartesianGrid2D
 - PbCartesianGrid2D
 - PbParalCartesianGrid2D
 - PbPolarGrid2D
 - PbIndexedMesh2D
 - PbTriangleMesh2D
 - PbQuadrangleMesh2D
 - **PbMesh3D**
 - **PbGrid3D**
 - PbRegularCartesianGrid3D
 - PbCartesianGrid3D
 - PbParalCartesianGrid3D
 - PbIndexedMesh3D
 - PbTetrahedronMesh3D
 - PbHexahedronMesh3D

Property nodes classes

- **PoNode**
 - **PoMeshProperty**
 - PoCartesianGrid2D
 - PoParalCartesianGrid2D
 - PoRegularCartesianGrid2D
 - PoPolarGrid2D
 - PoIndexedMesh2D
 - PoTriangleMesh2D
 - PoQuadrangleMesh2D
 - PoCartesianGrid3D
 - PoParalCartesianGrid3D
 - PoRegularCartesianGrid3D
 - PoIndexedMesh3D
 - PoTetrahedronMesh3D
 - PoHexahedronMesh3D

PoCartesianGrid2D or PbCartesianGrid2D

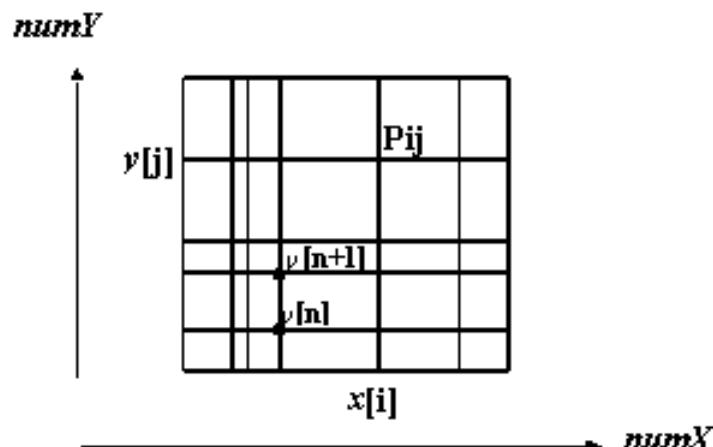
This mesh represents a grid in Cartesian coordinates. It has a regular topology, but not necessarily a regular geometry. The topology of the mesh is defined by 2 integers, numX and numY. Hence the mesh is composed of $(\text{numX}-1) * (\text{numY}-1)$ cells. The geometry is defined by an x and y coordinates array of $\text{numX} * \text{numY}$ floats.



These arrays are in a y-line after y-line order: the node P_{ij} , in the previous figure, has coordinates $xP = x[i * \text{numY} + j]$, $yP = y[i * \text{numY} + j]$. A data set of this type of mesh is also defined by an array v of $\text{numX} * \text{numY}$ floats, where $v[i * \text{numY} + j]$ is the value of the node P_{ij} .

PoParalCartesianGrid2D or PbParalCartesianGrid2D

This mesh represents a rectangular grid in Cartesian coordinates. Each cell of the mesh is a rectangle. The topology of the mesh is defined by 2 integers, $numX$ and $numY$. Hence, the mesh is composed of $(numX-1) * (numY-1)$ cells. The geometry is defined by an array x of $numX$ abscissas of the vertical lines and by an array y of $numY$ ordinates of the horizontal lines. These arrays must be given in a monotonically increasing or decreasing order



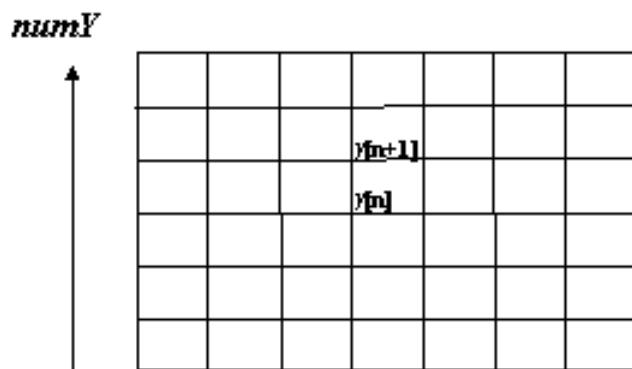
A data set of this kind of mesh is defined by an array v of $numX * numY$ floats, in a y-line after y-line order. $v[i * numY + j]$ is the value of the node P_{ij} which has coordinates $x[i], y[j]$

Regular CartesianGrid2D

[PoRegularCartesianGrid2D](#) or [PbRegularCartesianGrid2D](#)

This mesh represents a rectangular and regular grid in Cartesian coordinates. Each cell of the mesh is a rectangle. Each cell has the same width and the same height. The topology of the mesh is defined by 2 integers, $numX$ and $numY$. So, the mesh is composed of $(numX-1) * (numY-1)$ cells. The geometry is defined by the bounding box of the mesh, i.e. by 4 float $x_min, x_max, y_min, y_max$.

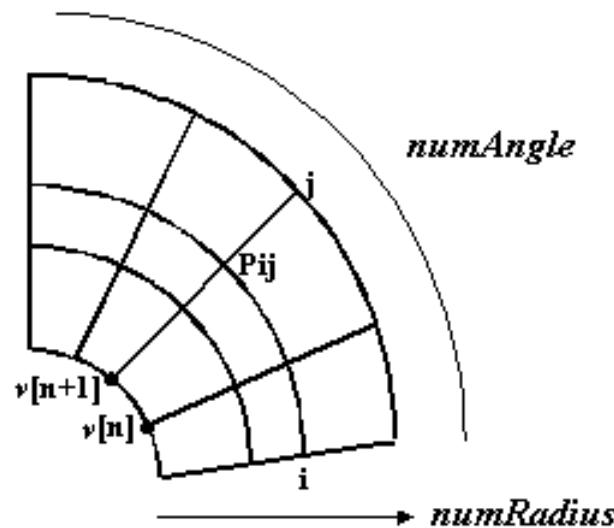
Example: $numX=8, numY=7$



A data set of this type of x_min, y_min floats, in a y-line after y-line order. $v[i*numY+j]$ is the value of the node P_{ij} which has coordinates $x[i], y[j]$.

PoPolarGrid2D or PbPolarGrid2D

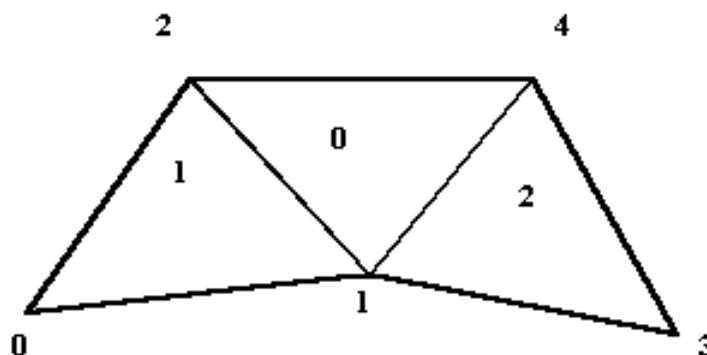
This mesh represents a grid in polar coordinates. Each cell of the mesh is an area between 2 arcs and 2 radius lines. The topology of the mesh is defined by *numRadius* and *numAngles*. It defines $(\text{numRadius}-1) * (\text{numAngles}-1)$ cells. The geometry is defined by an array *radius* of *numRadius* floats and by an array *angles* of *numAngles* floats.



A data set of this kind of mesh is defined by an array *v* of *numRadius* * *numAngles* floats, in an arc-line after arc-line order. $v[i * \text{numAngles} + j]$ is the value of the node *Pij* which has polar coordinates *radius[i]*, *angles[j]*.

PoTriangleMesh2D or PbTriangleMesh2D

Each cell are triangle. The topology of the mesh is defined by the number of cells *numTriangles*, the number of nodes *numNodes* and the 3 node indices of each triangle *triangleIndex*. *triangleIndex* is an array of *numTriangles**3 integers, where *triangleIndex*[*i**3 + *j*] is the *j*-th node of the *i*-th triangle ($0 \leq j < 3$).



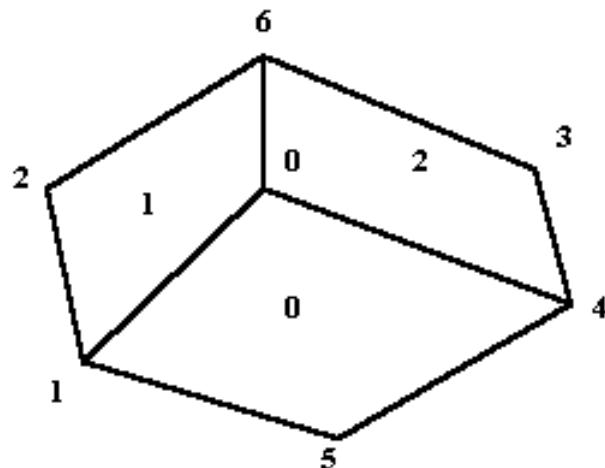
Example:

numTriangles = 3, *numNodes* = 5,
triangleIndex = { 1,2,4, 0,2,1, 1,4,3 }

- The mesh can be convex or not, and connected or not.
- Each cell is defined by a list of nodes indices in an array of node coordinates.
- Two adjacent cells must have 2 common node indices. If a cell's edge belongs to only one cell, this edge is considered to be part of an external or internal mesh limit. A cell can only have 1 adjacent cell along one edge or no adjacent cell at all
- The geometry of the mesh is defined by 2 or 3 arrays *xNode*, *yNode*, *zNode* of *numNodes* float coordinates. A data set is defined by an array *v* of *numNodes* floats. *v[i]* is the value of the node which has coordinates *xNode[i]*, *yNode[i]*, *zNode[i]*

PoQuadrangleMesh2D or PbQuadrangleMesh2D

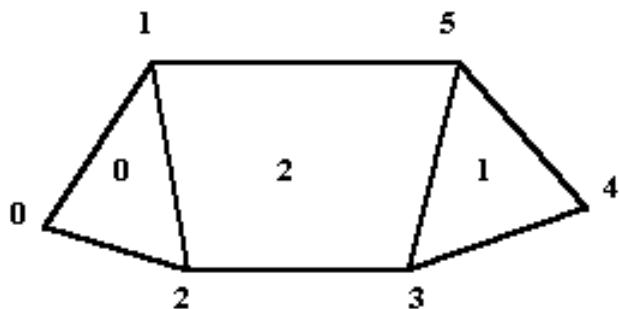
Each cell are quadrangles. The topology of the mesh is defined by the number of cells *numQuadrangles*, the number of nodes *numNodes* and the 4 node indices of each cell *quadrangleIndex*. *quadrangleIndex* is an array of *numQuadrangles**4 integers, where *quadrangleIndex*[*i**4 + *j*] is the *j*-th node of the *i*-th quadrangle (0<=j<4).



numQuadrangles = 3, *numNodes* = 7,
quadrangleIndex = { 0,4,5,1, 0,1,2,6, 0,6,3,4}

PoIndexedMesh2D or PbIndexedMesh2D

This mesh contains triangles or quadrangles, and can also contains polygonal cells with some restrictions. The topology of the mesh is defined by the number of cells *numCells*, the number of nodes *numNodes*, the node indices list of each cell *cellIndex*, and the number of nodes of each cell *cellType*. *cellType* is an array of *numCells* integers, for example *cellType*[*i*] = 3 means that the *i*-th cell is a triangle. *cellIndex* is an array of *N* integers where *N* = *cellType*[0]+*cellType*[1]+...+*cellType*[*numcells*-1].



numCells = 3, *numNodes* = 6,

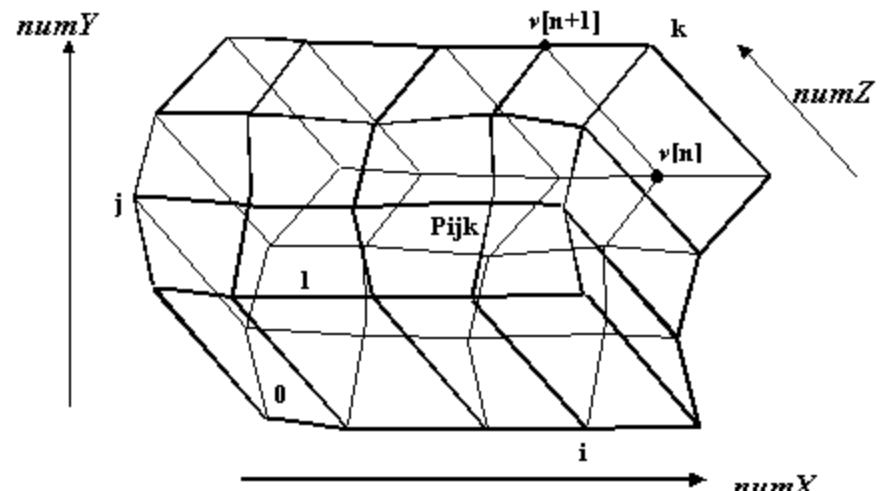
cellType = { 3,3,4 },

cellIndex = { 0,1,2, 3,5,4, 2,1,5,3 }

PoCartesianGrid3D or PbCartesianGrid3D

Volume grid in Cartesian coordinates. It has a regular topology, but not necessarily a regular geometry. The cells are hexahedrons with opposite facets that are not necessarily parallel. The topology of the mesh is defined by 3 integers $numX$, $numY$ and $numZ$. The mesh is thus composed of $(numX-1) * (numY-1) * (numZ-1)$ cells.

Example: $numX = 5$, $numY = 4$, $numZ = 2$



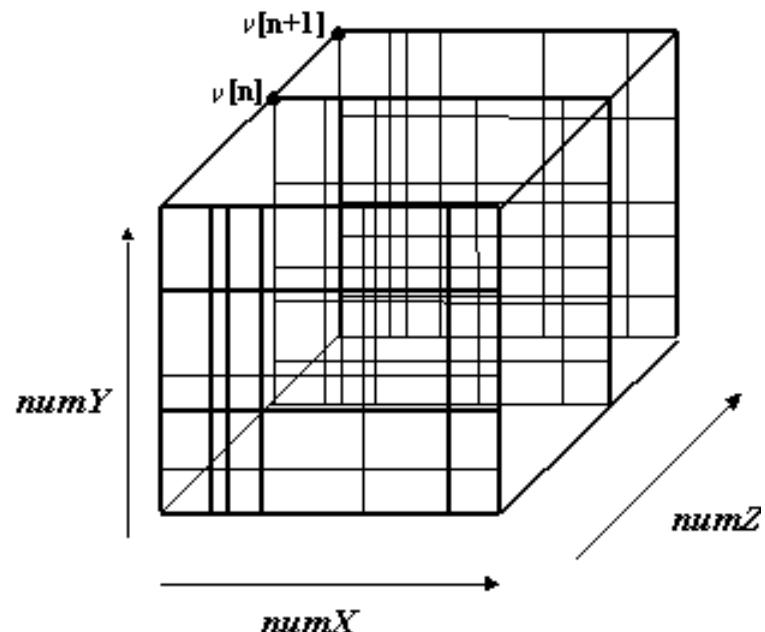
- The geometry is defined by x , y and z coordinates arrays of $numX * numY * numZ$ floats. These arrays are in a z-lines after z-lines order: the node $Pijk$ has X coordinates $xP = x[i*numY*numZ+j*numZ+k]$. $v[i*numY*numZ + j*numZ + k]$ is the value of the node $Pijk$.

Parallel Cartesian grid 3D

PoParalCartesianGrid3D or PbParalCartesianGrid3D

Parallelepiped grid in Cartesian coordinates. Each cell of the mesh is a parallelepiped. The topology of the mesh is defined by 3 integers $numX$, $numY$ and $numZ$. The mesh is thus composed of $(numX-1) * (numY-1) * (numZ-1)$ cells. The geometry is defined by an array x of $numX$ floats, an array y of $numY$ floats and by an array z of $numZ$ floats. x is the list of the $numX$ abscissas of the lines perpendicular to the X-plane. Idem for y and z arrays. These arrays must be given in monotonically increasing or decreasing order.

Example: $numX = 7$, $numY = 6$, $numZ = 3$

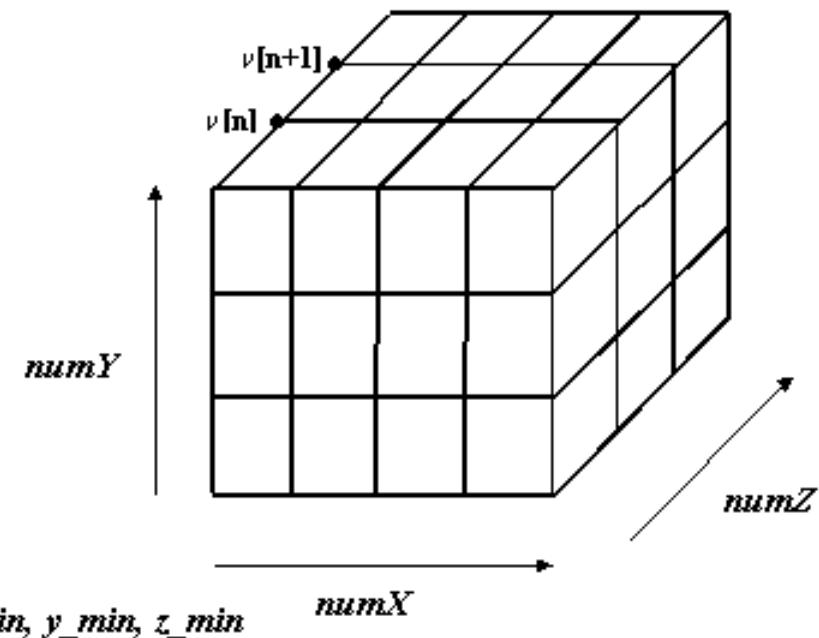


Regular Cartesian grid 3D

[PoRegularCartesianGrid3D](#) or [PbRegularCartesianGrid3D](#)

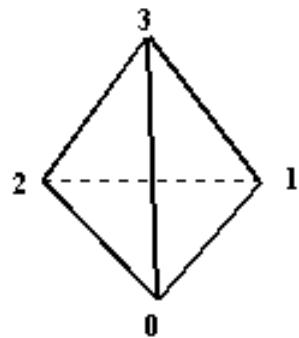
Parallelepiped and regular grid in Cartesian coordinates. Each cell of the mesh is a parallelepiped, and each one has the same size. The topology of the mesh is defined by 3 integers $numX$, $numY$ and $numZ$. The mesh is thus composed of $(numX-1) * (numY-1) * (numZ-1)$ cells. The geometry is defined by the bounding box of the mesh, i.e. by 6 floats $x_min, x_max, y_min, y_max, z_min, z_max$.

Example: $numX = 5$, $numY = 4$, $numZ = 4$



PoTetrahedronMesh3D or PbTetrahedronMesh3D

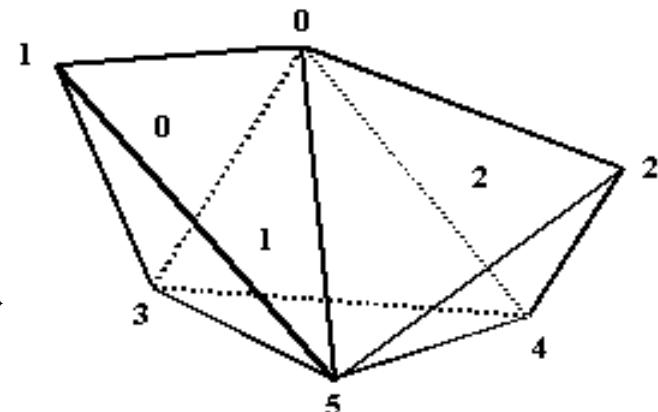
Each cell are tetrahedrons defined by 4 nodes indices. Two adjacent tetrahedrons must have 3 common node indices. Each tetrahedron should be numbered as follows: The first 3 indices define a facet, and orient this facet towards the interior side of the tetrahedron.



The topology of the mesh is defined by *numTetrahedrons*, *numNodes* and the 4 node indices of each tetrahedron *tetrahedronIndex*. *tetrahedronIndex* is an array of *numTetrahedrons**4 integers, where *tetrahedronIndex*[*i**4 + *j*] is the *j*-th node of the *i*-th tetrahedron ($0 \leq j \leq 4$).

Example

numTetrahedrons = 3, *numNodes* = 6,
tetrahedronIndex = { 0,5,1,3, 3,5,4,0, 0,4,2,5 }

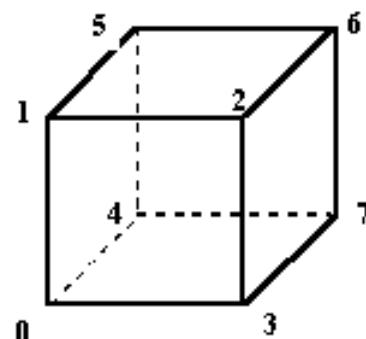


- The mesh can be convex or not, and connected or not.
- Each cell is defined by a list of nodes indices in an array of node coordinates.
- Two adjacent cells must have a common facet, ie at least 3 common node indices. If a cell's facet belongs to only one cell, this facet is considered to be part of an external or internal mesh limit. A cell can only have 1 adjacent cell along one facet or no adjacent cell at all. The facet which do not belong to the mesh limit must be referenced exactly twice in the mesh.
- The geometry of the mesh is defined by 3 arrays $xNode$, $yNode$, $zNode$ of $numNodes$ float coordinates. A data set is defined by an array v of $numNodes$ floats. $v[i]$ is the value of the node which has coordinates $xNode[i]$, $yNode[i]$, $zNode[i]$

PoHexahedronMesh3D or PbHexahedronMesh3D

Each cell are hexahedrons defined by 8 nodes indices. Two adjacent hexahedrons must have 4 common node indices. Each hexahedron should be numbered as follows: the first 4 indices define a facet, and orient this facet towards the interior side of the hexahedron.

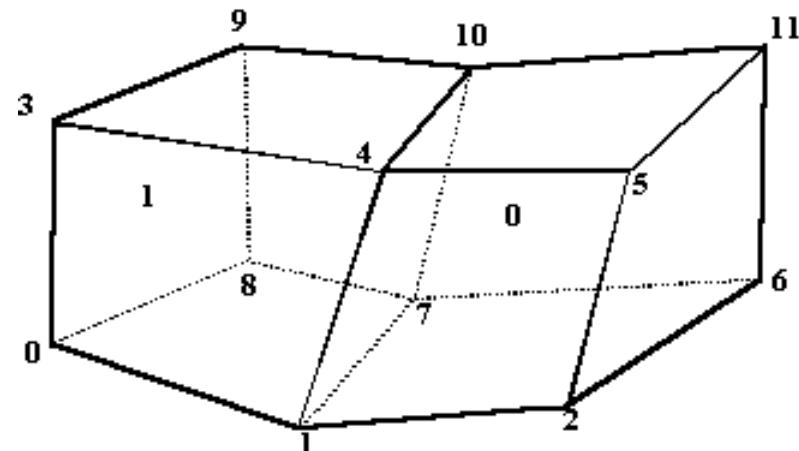
The topology of the mesh is defined by *numHexahedrons*, *numNodes* and the 8 node indices of each hexahedron *hexahedronIndex*. It is an array of *numHexahedrons**8 integers, where *hexahedronIndex*[*i**8 + *j*] is the *j*-th node of the *i*-th hexahedron (0<= *j* < 8)



Example

numHexahedrons = 2, *numNodes* = 12,

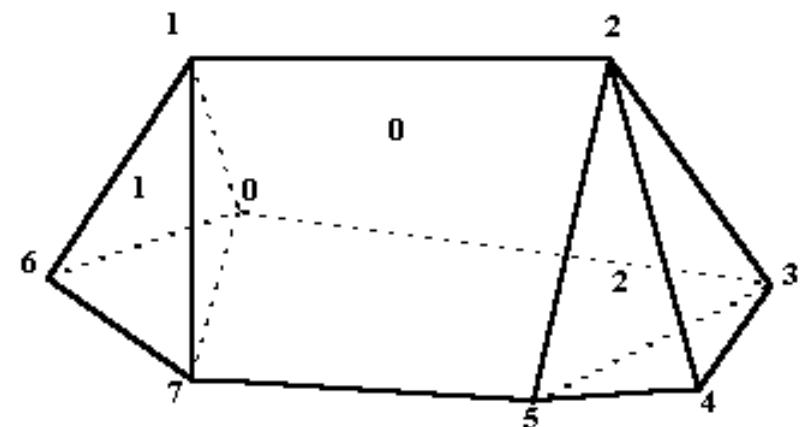
hexahedronIndex = { 10,7,6,11,4,1,2,5, 4,1,0,3,10,7,8,9 }



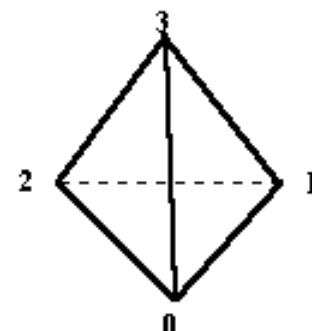
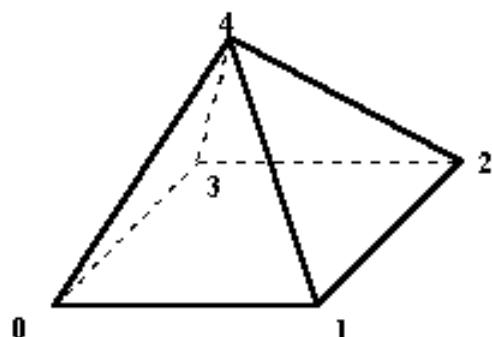
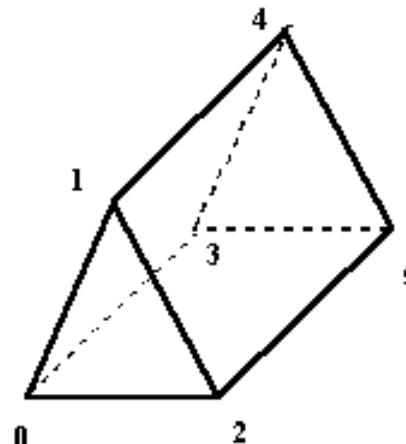
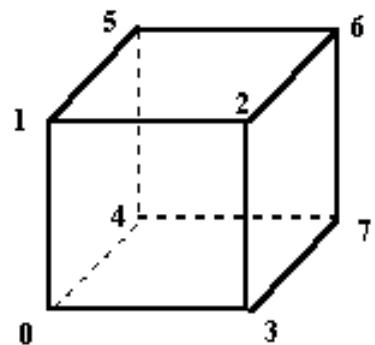
[PoIndexedMesh3D](#) or [PbIndexedMesh3D](#)

Each cell is a polyhedron which can either be a tetrahedron (4 nodes), a pyramid (5 nodes), a pentahedron (6 nodes), or a hexahedron (8 nodes). The topology of the mesh is defined by the number of cells *numCells*, the number of nodes *numNodes*, the node indices list of each cell *cellIndex*, and the number of nodes of each cell *cellType*. *cellType* is an array of *numCells* integers, for example *cellType*[i] = 4 means that the i-th cell is a tetrahedron . *cellIndex* is an array of N integers where N = *cellType*[0]+ *cellType*[1]+...+ *cellType*[*numcells*-1].

numCells = 3, *numNodes* = 8,
cellType = { 6,4,4 },
cellIndex = { 1,7,0,2,5,3, 0,6,7,1, 2,5,3,4 }



The cells must be numbered as follows: for each cell, the first 3 or 4 indices (depending on the cell type) define a cell's facet, and orient this facet towards the interior side of the element.



To visualize data from a mesh, you must instantiate a class derived from **PoMesh**, depending on the type of visualization you need. For example **PoMeshSkin** allows you to visualize the skin of a volume mesh. These classes are derived from Open Inventor node kits and we call them "visualization node kits".

These visualization nodes draw a representation of the **PbMesh** object included in the current PoMeshProperty node inherited in the scene graph.

PoMesh2D nodes build a representation of surface mesh (**PbMesh2D**)
PoMesh3D nodes build a representation of volume mesh (**PbMesh3D**)

Simple example

```
import com.tgs.inventor.* ;
import com.tgs.inventor.awt.* ;
import com.tgs.inventor.nodes.* ;
import com.tgs.dataviz.nodes.* ;
import com.tgs.dataviz.mesh.* ;

import java.awt.* ;
import java.awt.event.* ;

public class SimpleMeshViewer {

    public static SoGroup buildScene() {
        PoRegularCartesianGrid3D mesh = new
            PoRegularCartesianGrid3D();
        mesh.setGeometry(10,10,10, 5,5,5, 30,40,50);
        PoMeshSkin v_MeshSkin = new PoMeshSkin();

        SoGroup root = new SoGroup();
        root.addChild(mesh);
        root.addChild(v_MeshSkin);
        return root;
    }
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] argv) {

    SwSimpleViewer viewer = new
        SwSimpleViewer(SwScene.EXAMINER) ;
    viewer.setSceneGraph(buildScene()) ;
    viewer.viewAll();

    Panel panel = new Panel(new BorderLayout()) ;
    panel.add(viewer);

    WindowListener l = new WindowAdapter() {
        public void windowClosing(WindowEvent e) {
            System.exit(0);
        }
    };

    Frame f = new Frame();
    f.addWindowListener(l);
    f.add(panel) ;
    f.pack() ;
    f.setVisible(true) ;

}
```

Since a mesh object can contain several scalar data sets, the visualization node kit can select one by using **PoMesh.valuesIndex** to color the shape in the node kit. **Warning** : default is -1 !

The field **PoMesh.coloringType** selects the type of coloring which will be applied.
4 types are available

COLOR_INHERITED (default !)

the representation of the mesh uses only 1 color inherited from the scene graph

COLOR_AVERAGE

an average of the nodes' values of an edge or facet is converted to a color applied to draw the edges or facets
(for some surface mesh visualization only)

COLOR_MAPPING

each node value defines a color and the edges or facets are drawn by interpolating these colors.
(Gouraud shading)

COLOR_CONTOURING

only for visualization that draw facet. each facet is exactly sub-divided into isovalued areas. These areas are filled with the color associated to this isovalue. May slow down visualization.

For coloring type COLOR_AVERAGE, COLOR_MAPPING and COLOR_CONTOURING, a **PoDataMapping** object must be inserted in the scene graph. Such object maps a floating value to a color, or maps a set of floating values to a color ramp or several color ramps. 2 classes inherited from **PoDataMapping** can be instanciated

PoLinearDataMapping

Two values, value1 and value2, are associated with color1 and color2. The color associated with a value between value1 and value2 is a linear interpolation between color1 and color2.

PoNonLinearDataMapping2

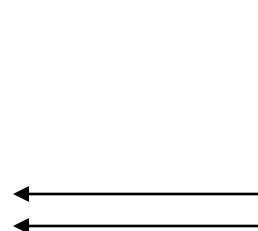
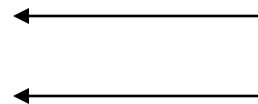
This class defines a set of colors or a set of color ramps associated with floating values. You can choose:

- LINEAR_PER_LEVEL type of mapping for a floating value f . If f is in the interval f_i, f_{i+1} , its associated color will be the linear interpolation between c_i and c_{i+1} colors. In this case, you must provide the same number of floating values as the number of colors.

- NON_LINEAR_PER_LEVEL type of mapping for a floating value f . If f is in the interval f_i, f_{i+1} , its associated color will be the c_{i+1} th color; no interpolation is performed. If f is smaller than f_1 , then c_1 is used. In this case, you must provide $n+1$ colors for n floating values.

Color mapping example

```
public class MeshMapping {  
  
    public static SoGroup buildScene() {  
        PoRegularCartesianGrid3D po_mesh = new PoRegularCartesianGrid3D();  
        po_mesh.setGeometry(30,10,10, 5,5,5, 30,40,50);  
        PbMesh pb_mesh = po_mesh.getMesh();  
  
        float[] val = new float[pb_mesh.getNumNodes()];  
        for (int i=0; i<pb_mesh.getNumNodes(); i++) val[i] = (float)Math.random();  
        po_mesh.addValueSet(0,val);  
  
        PoLinearDataMapping dataMap = new PoLinearDataMapping();  
        dataMap.color1.setValue(new SbColor(1,0,0));  
        dataMap.color2.setValue(new SbColor(0,0,1));  
        dataMap.value1.setValue(pb_mesh.getMinValuesSet(0));  
        dataMap.value2.setValue(pb_mesh.getMaxValuesSet(0));  
  
        PoMeshSkin meshSkin = new PoMeshSkin();  
        meshSkin.valuesIndex.setValue(0);  
        meshSkin.coloringType.setValue(PoMesh.COLOR_MAPPING);  
  
        SoGroup root = new SoGroup();  
        root.addChild(po_mesh);  
        root.addChild(dataMap);  
        root.addChild(meshSkin);  
        return root;  
    }  
    ...  
}
```



In order to use color contouring, you must specify the contour level values. They are defined by the class `PoIsovaluesList`, a property node which must be inserted in the scene graph.

A list of isovalues can be a list of any floats. However, convenience methods are available to define a regular list. In a regular list, the step size between 2 consecutive isovalues is a constant. For example, the following methods are available for creating lists:

- `void setRegularIsoList(int numLevels, float min, float max)`
- `void setRegularIsoList(int numLevels, float firstValue, float step)`
- `void setRegularIsoList(int numVal, float[] values, int numLevels)`

The following code creates a regular list of 25 isovalues, bounded by 0. and 10.:

```
PoIsovaluesList myIsoList = new PoIsovaluesList();  
myIsoList.setRegularIsoList(25, 0f, 10f);
```

`PoIsovaluesList` is also used for visualization of contouring lines on a surface mesh.

Color contouring example

```
public class MeshContouring {  
  
    public static SoGroup buildScene() {  
        PoRegularCartesianGrid3D po_mesh = new  
            PoRegularCartesianGrid3D();  
        po_mesh.setGeometry(10,10,10, 5,5,5, 30,40,50);  
        PbMesh pb_mesh = po_mesh.getMesh();  
  
        float[] val = new float[pb_mesh.getNumNodes()];  
        for (int i=0; i<pb_mesh.getNumNodes(); i++)  
            val[i] = (float)Math.random();  
        po_mesh.addValueSet(0,val);  
  
        → PoIsovaluesList isoList = new PoIsovaluesList();  
        isoList.setRegularIsoList(pb_mesh.getMinValuesSet(0),  
            pb_mesh.getMaxValuesSet(0),10);  
  
        PoLinearDataMapping dataMap = new  
            PoLinearDataMapping();  
        dataMap.color1.setValue(new SbColor(1,0,0));  
        dataMap.color2.setValue(new SbColor(0,0,1));  
        dataMap.value1.setValue(pb_mesh.getMinValuesSet(0));  
        dataMap.value2.setValue(pb_mesh.getMaxValuesSet(0));  
  
        PoMeshSkin meshSkin = new PoMeshSkin();  
        meshSkin.valuesIndex.setValue(0);  
        → meshSkin.coloringType.setValue(PoMesh.COLOR_CONTOURING);  
  
        SoGroup root = new SoGroup();  
        root.addChild(po_mesh);  
        root.addChild(dataMap);  
        → root.addChild(isoList);  
        root.addChild(meshSkin);  
        return root;  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

Mesh visualization nodes (1)

- PoMesh**

// Surface mesh visualization

- PoMesh2D**
 - PoMeshLimit
 - PoMeshLines
 - PoMeshFilled
 - PoMeshSides
 - PoMeshContouring
 - PoMesh2DVec

// Volume mesh visualization

- PoMesh3D**
 - PoMeshSkin
 - PoMeshCrossSection
 - PoMeshCrossContour
 - PoMeshSkeleton
 - PoMeshLevelSurf
 - PoMesh3DVec
 - PoMesh3DVecGridCrossSection

Abstract classes appear in bold

A scalar data set can also be used as z coordinates for any surface mesh visualization. This scalar set can be selected by the field **PoMesh2D.zValuesIndex**.

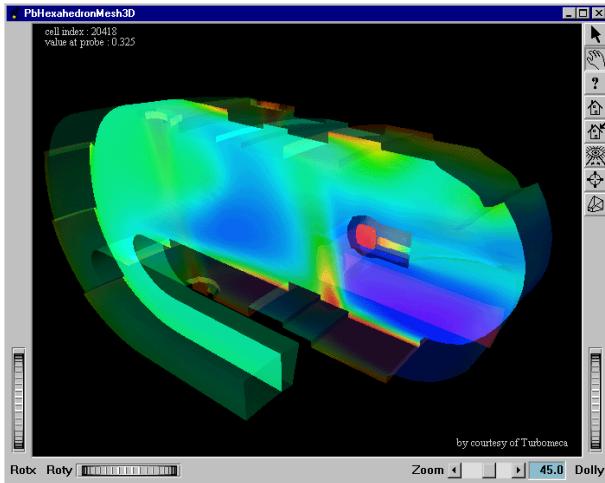
Mesh visualization nodes (2)

2D/3D mesh visualization classes

- **PoBase**
 - **Po3DdataMaster**
 - **PoMesh**
 - PoMeshProbePoint
 - **PoBaseStreamLine**
 - PoStreamLine
 - PoStreamSurface
 - **PoStreamParticleMotion**
 - PoStreamLineMotion
 - PoStreamPointMotion
 - PoStreamSphereMotion
 - PoStreamTadpoleMotion
 - **PoCellShape**
 - PoCellEdges
 - PoCellFacets
 - PoCellIndices

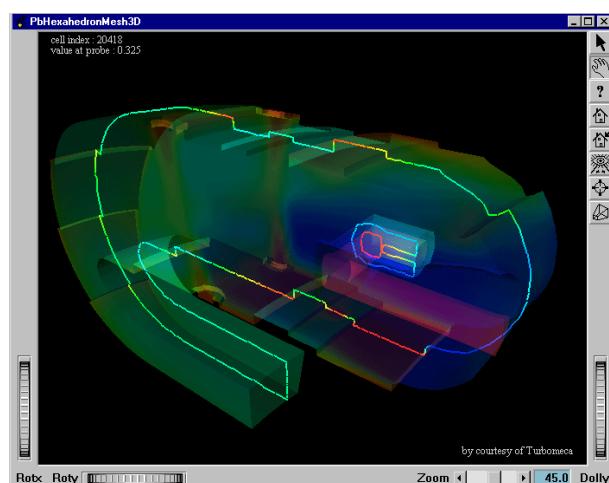
Remark: Abstract classes appear in bold.

3D mesh visualization (1)



PoMeshCrossSection

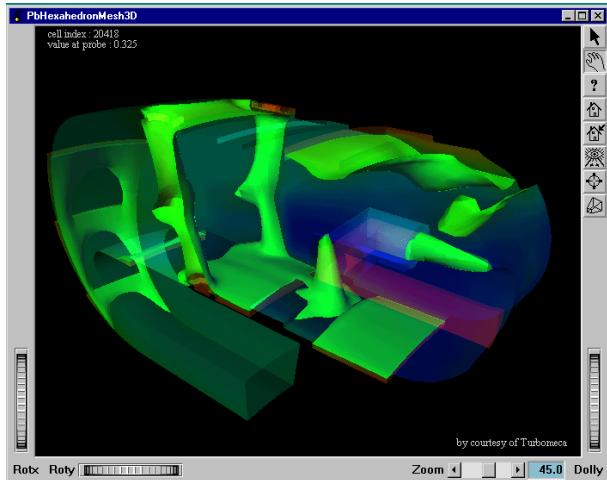
SoSFPlane plane



PoMeshCrossContour

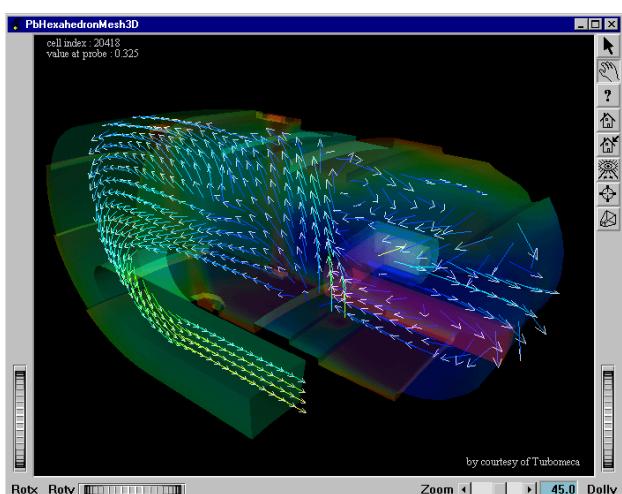
SoSFPlane plane

3D mesh visualization (2)



PoMeshLevelSurf

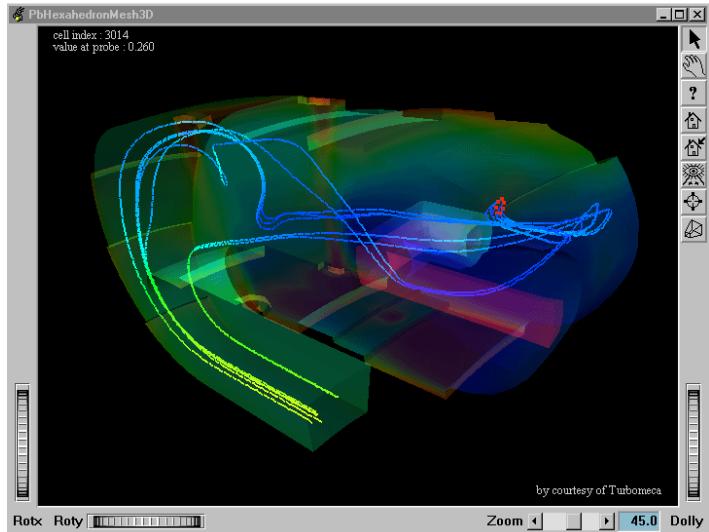
SoSFFloat levelValue	0.0
SoSFEnum surfOrientation	ORIENTED_TO_MAX
SoSFInt valuesIndexForLevel	-1



PoMesh3DVecGridCrossSection

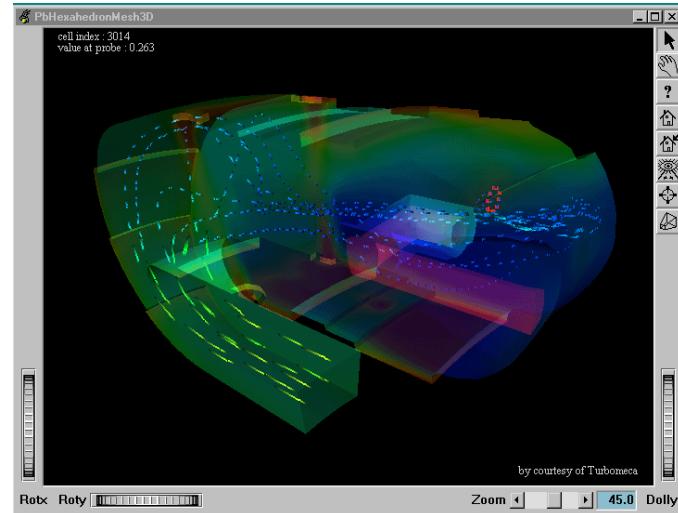
SoSFPlane plane	Z=0 plane
SoSFFloat gridSpacing	0.05
SoSFEnum projectionType	NO_PROJECTION

3D mesh visualization (3)



PoStreamLines

SoSFFloat lineWidth



PoStreamTadpoleMotion

SoSFInt	pulseFrequency	5
SoSFFloat	shiftStart	0.0
SoSFFloat	timeStep	1.0
SoSFBool	isStartRandomized	TRUE
SoSFBool	isBlinking	TRUE
SoSFInt	viewFrame	0
SoSFFloat	blinkSpeed	3.0
SoSFColor	backColor	SbColor(0.0,0.0,0.)
SoSFColor	particleColor	SbColor(0.0,0.9,0.9)

Differences between Open Inventor for C++ and Open Inventor for Java (1)

- Features not available in Open Inventor for Java:
 - Calling OpenGL directly from Java
 -
- Features available in Open Inventor for Java but with a different interface
 - Pointers, values : All objects are handled through references. No more pointers or value but only references.
 - Operator redefinition : Several C++ classes redefine standard operators. This is not possible in Java^(TM). Alternate methods are provided to allow this kind of operation. For example, the SbVec3f operator* method is replaced by SbVec3f.multiply().

Differences between Open Inventor for C++ and Open Inventor for Java (2)

Some methods with parameters given as references on basic types :

in C++:

```
void getAntialiasing(SbBool &smoothing, int &numPasses) const
```

in Java(TM):

```
public void getAntialiasing(boolean [] smoothing, int [] numPasses)
```

To call such method with Java, the user must define an array of 1 element
for
each parameter :

```
boolean [] smoothing = new boolean [1];  
int [] numpasses = new int [1];  
area.getAntialiasing( smoothing, numpasses);
```

Differences between Open Inventor for C++ and Open Inventor for Java (3)

- Callback mechanism : the Callback mechanism is very often used by Open Inventor C++. Callback functions are defined as follows :

```
typedef <return_type> functionCB(void * userData, type1 arg1,..., typen argn);
static <return_type> myFunctionCB(void * userData, type1 arg1,..., typen argn) {
...
}
```

The callback is registered by calling a addCallback method:
addCallback((functionCB*) myFunctionCB, this);

With Open Inventor for Java, each type of callback is implemented by a specific class. To create a new callback, the user must extend this class and overwrite the default invoke method of the class.

```
class ProcessKeyEvents extends SoEventCallbackCB {
    private SwRenderArea area;
    public ProcessKeyEvents (area) {
        this.area = area;
    }
    public void invoke(SoEventCallback cb) {
        if (SoKeyboardEvent.isKeyPressEvent(cb.getEvent(),
SoKeyboardEvent.P)) {
            ...
            cb.setHandled();
        }
    }
}
```

```
eventCB.addEventCallback(SoKeyboardEvent.class,
    new ProcessKeyEvents(area), null);
```

Differences between Open Inventor for C++ and Open Inventor for Java example

```

import java.awt.*;
import java.awt.event.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.awt.*;
import com.tgs.inventor.nodes.*;

public class HelloCone {
    public HelloCone() {
        // Make a scene containing a red cone
        SoSeparator root = new SoSeparator();
        root.addChild(new SoDirectionalLight());
        SoMaterial myMaterial = new SoMaterial();
        myMaterial.diffuseColor.setValue(1,0,0); // Red
        root.addChild(myMaterial);
        root.addChild(new SoCone());

        // Put the scene in myRenderArea
        SwSimpleViewer myRenderArea = new SwSimpleViewer();
        myRenderArea.setSceneGraph(root);

        Panel panel = new Panel(new BorderLayout());
        panel.add(myRenderArea);

        Frame f = new Frame("HelloCone");
        f.addWindowListener(new WindowListener());
        f.add(panel);
        f.pack();
        f.show();
    }

    class WindowListener extends WindowAdapter {
        public void windowClosing(WindowEvent e) {
            System.exit(0);
        }
    }

    public static void main(String argv[]) {
        new HelloCone();
    }
}

```

```

#include <Inventor/Xt/SoXt.h>
#include <Inventor/Xt/SoXtRenderArea.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoCone.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoDirectionalLight.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoMaterial.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoPerspectiveCamera.h>
#include <Inventor/nodes/SoSeparator.h>

void main(int , char **argv)
{
    // Initialize Inventor. This returns a main window to use.
    // If unsuccessful, exit.
    Widget myWindow = SoXt::init(argv[0]); // pass the app name
    if (myWindow == NULL) exit(1);

    // Make a scene containing a red cone
    SoSeparator *root = new SoSeparator();
    SoPerspectiveCamera *myCamera = new SoPerspectiveCamera();
    SoMaterial *myMaterial = new SoMaterial();
    root->ref();
    root->addChild(myCamera);
    root->addChild(new SoDirectionalLight());
    myMaterial->diffuseColor.setValue(1.0, 0.0, 0.0); // Red
    root->addChild(myMaterial);
    root->addChild(new SoCone());

    // Create a renderArea in which to see our scene graph.
    // The render area will appear within the main window.
    SoXtRenderArea *myRenderArea = new
    SoXtRenderArea(myWindow);

    // Make myCamera see everything.
    myCamera->viewAll(root, myRenderArea->getViewportRegion());

    // Put our scene in myRenderArea, change the title
    myRenderArea->setSceneGraph(root);
    myRenderArea->setTitle("Hello Cone");
    myRenderArea->show();

    SoXt::show(myWindow); // Display main window
    SoXt::mainLoop(); // Main Inventor event loop
}

```

- Cross platform library to do voxel rendering based on Open Inventor.
- Rendering big volume of data (or part of it) with data mapping.
- Visualization of the internal volume with slices (Ortho Slice, Oblique Slice) or transparency (RGBA).
- Picking information.
- Hardware optimization used (2D textures, 3D textures, VolumePro board...)

→ Node **SoVolumeData**

→ 3D data matrix

 ⌚ Char (1 byte)

 ⌚ Short (2 bytes)

→ Regular data set.

→ Source

 ⌚ Memory

 ⌚ File (**SoVolumeReader**)

→ Node **SoTransferFunction**

- Association value – color.
- Use of palettes color (default) or real color.
 - ⌚ Palettes color scale keeps memory and can be updated faster,
 - ⌚ Real coloring allows lighting on the volume.
- Predefined color scale.

→ Node **SoVolumeRender**

→ Draw the data volume.

- ⌚ Slices displayed from back to front (textured polygons)

- ⌚ Composition

 - Max

 - Sum

 - Alpha Blending

- ⌚ Lighting

- ⌚ Texture interpolation

- ⌚ SoMaterial used (transparency, diffuseColor).

- A sub-volume can be rendered (**SoROI**).
- Nodes to make slices in the volume :
 - ⌚ **SoOrthoSlice** : main plane,
 - ⌚ **SoObliqueSlice** : any plane.

- **SoObliqueSliceDetail** : Stores detail information about a picked voxel on an oblique slice.
- **SoOrthoSliceDetail** : Stores detail information about a picked voxel on an ortho slice.
- **SoVolumeRenderDetail** : Stores detail information about a picked voxel or pick ray in a data volume.